

Proposed Changes to the LASA Constitution and Bylaws

The Executive Council of LASA, at its most recent meeting (December 2017), approved the following proposed changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association (new text is shown in boldface and the replaced text in square brackets):

BY-LAWS

Article I. Nominations

2. The Nominations Committee in making its selections, and the Executive Council in reviewing them, shall take into account the following attributes for candidates, adhering to these guidelines:

e. Gender: The Committee shall seek to assure that **all genders should** [women] be represented among the nominees for the Executive Council at all times.

6. The LASA By-Laws are amended to permit the write-in of candidates for both the Executive Council (EC) and the vice presidency. LASA members will receive two communications. The first will inform members of the change in the nominations procedure and indicate that the nominations process is open. Members will have six weeks in which to nominate candidates. A second communication will present the approved slate and encourage members to submit the names of write-in candidates. **Signatures of a minimum of 4 percent of the membership in good standing** [A minimum of 200 signatures] will be required for each write-in. Members will then have six weeks to submit additional names of write-in candidates. To be included on the ballot, the candidate must be a member in good standing and must meet the conditions of the By-Laws. Members will have six weeks to respond to this second communication. The final ballot presented for vote will indicate which candidates are on the approved slate and which are write-ins.

Article VI. International Congress

7. Proposals intended as official LASA resolutions must be sponsored by at least **2 percent of the membership in good standing** [thirty LASA members in good standing] and received by the LASA Secretariat thirty days prior to the beginning of each Congress. Proponents must (1) Provide data to substantiate the “whereas” clause; (2) demonstrate that named parties were given an opportunity to respond; and (3) propose actions that are realistic. Sponsors may support a proposal by signed mail, signed fax, or by electronic communication to the Secretariat which indicates the name and address of the sponsor. All proposed resolutions shall be reviewed by a Subcommittee on Resolutions, consisting of the LASA Vice President and two other members of the Executive Council appointed by the LASA President. This Subcommittee may seek advisory opinions from all sources it deems appropriate, and may recommend revisions. The Subcommittee on Resolutions is required to inform the proponents of a resolution of any changes they have made as well as the rationale behind those changes.

Comments and/or objections can be directed to LASA Executive Director, LASA, 416 Bellefield Hall, 315 S. Bellefield Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, or lasa@pitt.edu. The cutoff date for receipt of objections to the below proposed changes is June 1, 2018. //