

Proposed Changes to the LASA Constitution and Bylaws

The Executive Council (EC) of LASA, at its most recent meeting, approved the following proposed changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association to accomplish the following:

- To increase the EC members' terms from two to three years starting from the elections for 2022.
- To include the meeting/assembly of LASA Section Chairs in the LASA statutes.
- To elect two section advisory representatives of the EC and to include this information in the LASA statutes.

Objections can be directed to LASA Executive Director, LASA, 416 Bellefield Hall, 315 S. Bellefield Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, or lasa@lasaweb.org. The cutoff date for receipt of objections to the below proposed change is January 26, 2021.

Constitution

Article V. Executive Council

1a. The Executive Council shall consist of: eleven voting members (the Immediate Past President, President, Vice President, Treasurer, a Graduate Student, and six elected members), and the following ex officio members with voice but no vote: the LASA Executive Director, the Editor of the Latin American Research Review, the current Congress Program Chair(s), the Editor(s) of the Latin American Research Commons (LARC), the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee, and two section advisory representatives.

1b. The terms of the six elected members shall be for three years. Two shall be elected every year by electronic ballot as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Bylaws

Article I. Nominations

8. Members of the Executive Council shall be nominated according to the following procedure:

a. The Nominating Committee shall nominate four candidates for each election for two vacancies on the Executive Council for three-year terms;

Article II. Elections

2. Of the candidates for the Executive Council on the ballot, the two receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the Council for the ensuing three years. The two receiving the next highest number of votes in that order shall be alternates for one year to serve in the event of temporary inability of a regular member of the Executive Council. //