

Proposed Changes to the LASA Constitution and Bylaws

The Executive Council (EC) of LASA, at its most recent meeting, approved the following proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, shown in red in the third column below. Objections can be directed to LASA Executive Director, LASA, 4338 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, or lasa@lasaweb.org. The cutoff date for receipt of objections to the below proposed changes is May 1, 2022.

Location	Original Text	Revised Text
Constitution / Article IV. Officers / Numeral 4.	4. The President shall serve as chairperson of the Executive Council. The President, with the advice and consent of the majority of the Council members, shall appoint such committees as are specified in the By-Laws as well as any Task Forces deemed useful in pursuing the general objectives of the organization.	4. The President shall serve as chairperson of the Executive Council. The President, with the advice and consent of the majority of the Council members, shall appoint such committees as are specified in the By-Laws as well as any Task Forces deemed useful in pursuing the general objectives of the organization. The current President assumes the role of Editor-in-Chief of the LASA Forum.
Constitution / Article IV. Officers / Numeral 6.	"... The Executive Director will be responsible for the publication of the LASA Forum, the official LASA Newsletter, on a regular basis, as determined by the Executive Council"	"... The Executive Director will be responsible for the publication of the LASA Forum, the official LASA Newsletter , on a quarterly basis, or as determined by the Executive Council".
Constitution / Article VII. Amendments	...Ratification of such amendments shall require approval of a majority of those members who vote within ninety days following the distribution of ballots to all members, either through publication in the Forum or by mailing. The date by which ballots must be received will be printed on the ballot. The Executive Director is responsible for the distribution, counting, and reporting of results to the Executive Council and to the membership.	Ratification of such amendments shall require approval of a majority of those members who vote within ninety days following the email request to all members, who shall vote online at the indicated website. The date by which ballots must be received will be included in the email request for an amendment ballot. The Executive Director is responsible for the distribution, counting, and reporting of results to the Executive Council and to the membership.
By Laws / Article I. Nominations. Numeral 1 / Literal e.	The Executive Director will assist the Nominations Committee as needed in the provision of information, and the placing of any announcements in the LASA Forum, pertinent to the selection process.	The Executive Director will assist the Nominations Committee as needed in the provision of information, and the placing of any announcements in the LASA website and by email notification to the membership , pertinent to the selection process.

By Laws / Article I. Nominations. Numeral 3 / Literal b.	The Executive Director shall enter on an official ballot the names of the two candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee and the names of all candidates proposed by petition.	The Executive Director shall enter on an official ballot the names of the two candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee and the names of all candidates proposed by petition.
By Laws / Article I. Nominations. Numeral 4 / Literal b.	The Executive Director shall enter on an official ballot the names of the two candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee and the names of all candidates proposed by petition.	The Executive Director shall enter on an official ballot the names of the two candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee and the names of all candidates proposed by petition.
By Laws / Article II. Elections. Numeral 2	The Executive Director shall be responsible for counting ballots and submitting a report to the Executive Council. Election results will be published in the LASA Forum.	The Executive Director shall be responsible for counting ballots and submitting a report to the Executive Council. Election results will be published online .
By Laws / Article VII. International Congress. Numeral 2.	The agenda for the Business Meeting at the International Congress will be arranged by the President in consultation with the Executive Council and the Executive Director, and normally will include: (1) a summary of the current report of the Executive Director for the previous one year; (2) the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year; (3) a concise statement by the President-Elect outlining forthcoming plans and discussing issues of importance to members and any other business members may choose to present. A place will be reserved on the agenda for discussion of the items presented.	The agenda for the Business Meeting at the International Congress will be arranged by the President in consultation with the Executive Council and the Executive Director, and normally will include: (1) a summary of the current report of the Executive Director for the previous one year; (2) the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year; (3) a concise report by the current President for the previous one year; (4) a concise statement by the President-Elect outlining forthcoming plans and discussing issues of importance to members and any other business members may choose to present. A place will be reserved on the agenda for discussion of the items presented.
By Laws / Article VII. International Congress. Numeral 3.	Any legislative action of the members taken at a Business Meeting shall be submitted to a electronic ballot of all members.	Any legislative action of the members taken at a Business Meeting shall be submitted to a n electronic ballot of all members.

<p>By Laws / Article VII. International Congress. Numeral 7. Paragraph 1.</p>	<p>Proposals intended as official LASA resolutions must be sponsored by at least 2 percent of the membership 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.</p>	<p>Proposals intended as official LASA resolutions must be sponsored by at least 2 percent of the membership 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.</p>
<p>By Laws / Article VII. International Congress. Numeral 7. Paragraph 4.</p>	<p>...The results of the vote shall be posted in the subsequent issue of the LASA Forum and posted on the LASA Internet site.</p>	<p>...The results of the vote shall be posted in the subsequent issue of the LASA Forum and posted on the LASA Internet site.</p>
<p>By Laws / Article VIII. Amendments. Numeral 5.</p>	<p>Amendments proposed by petition but not endorsed by two-thirds of the Executive Council shall be submitted to an electronic ballot of the members in good standing and shall be ratified if approved by a majority of those members whose vote is postmarked no later than ninety days after the postmarked distribution of the ballot.</p>	<p>Amendments proposed by petition but not endorsed by two-thirds of the Executive Council shall be submitted to an electronic ballot of the members in good standing and shall be ratified if approved by a majority of those members whose vote is cast online cast online no later than ninety days after the electronic distribution of the ballot.</p>

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