

## Proposed Changes to the Midstates Chapter Bylaws (Oct. 2, 2009)

*These proposed changes are suggested in order to align the Chapter with changes in the international Society (e.g., changes to regional representation at the board level and the possibility of payment of chapter dues to the Society's management firm) and to address a lack of clarity in our nominations process and to reflect the potential of online voting rather than traditional voting by mail. In addition, there are a couple typos in the current Bylaws that are corrected in these revisions. The strikethroughs represent proposed deletions to the current Bylaws and the underlined passages represent proposed additions to the current Bylaws. To read the Bylaws as they currently exist, go to <http://www.indiana.edu/~arlismid/bylaws.html>*

*There will be a vote taken on these proposed changes later this fall (2009). If you have any questions, please ask Rebecca Price ([rpw@umich.edu](mailto:rpw@umich.edu)).*

### Article III. Dissolution

1. Upon the dissolution of the organization or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the organization shall be distributed exclusively for the charitable or educational purposes or to organizations which are then exempt from federal tax under Section 501 ©(3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws and to which contribution are then deductible under Section 170 ©(2) of such code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. Organizations having ~~proposes~~ purposes similar to those of this organization shall be preferred.

2. Should future exigencies make the dissolution of the Chapter necessary, a meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of all monies and other assets of the Chapter. The quorum requisite may be waived at this meeting. Any such disposition shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the Society.

### Article IV. Membership and Dues

1. Membership in the Chapter is conditional upon membership in the Society.

2. Any personal member of the Society residing or working in the defined region is eligible to become a member of the Chapter. Any officer may serve any number of non-consecutive terms. The Chair-Elect may not succeed her/himself. The Secretary/Treasurer may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. The Newsletter editor may be appointed for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

3. Institutional and business affiliate members of the Society within the defined region may designate one representative who shall be eligible to become a member of the Chapter.

4. Membership ~~does~~ dues shall be paid to the ~~Secretary/Treasurer~~ according to a schedule which shall be determined by membership vote.

5. The membership year shall be from January 1 to December 31. If membership renewals are not paid by ~~April 1~~ of each year, the privileges shall cease in accordance with current job descriptions on file as approved by the Chapter."

6. The Chapter shall have the right to assess additional fees to cover special projects,

subject to membership vote.

~~7. The Regional Representative of the Society whose territory includes the defined region will be an ex-officio member of the Chapter.~~

8. The Chapter shall have the right to assess registration fees for meetings or tours, when necessary to cover costs.

#### **Article V. Privileges**

1. Only members of the Chapter are eligible to vote.
2. Members are entitled to receive announcements of meetings of the Chapter and other notices of general interest.
3. Only members of the Chapter may hold elected office or be appointed to committees.

#### **Article VI. Officers**

1. The officers of the Chapter shall be the Chairperson, the Chair-Elect, and the Secretary/Treasurer.
2. Officers shall be elected for ~~the staggered terms of two calendar years~~ and may be re-elected for one consecutive term. Officers serve from January 1 through December 31. The Chair-Elect serves one year as Chair-Elect and one year as Chair. The Secretary/Treasurer serves for two years. An election for Chair-Elect occurs each year. An election for Secretary/Treasurer occurs on alternate years.
3. The Chairperson shall act as chief executive officer of the Chapter and shall preside at all meetings. In addition, the Chairperson shall submit a written report of Chapter activities and a list of Chapter officers to the Executive Board annually. The Chairperson shall file a written report of Chapter activities with the Executive Director of the Society and the Midwest Regional Representative not later than 10 days following the Chapter's regular meeting. Reports may also be submitted to the Society's publications, including the ARLIS/NA web site, as required.
4. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for all documents and correspondence, the keeping of minutes of the meetings, and the handling of all financial accounts.
5. In absence of the Chairperson, the Chair-Elect shall have the power to call and conduct meetings. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Chair-Elect, the Secretary/Treasurer shall be empowered to call and conduct meetings. The Chair-Elect is expected to be active in the business of the Chapter.
6. If an officer resigns, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy. The election shall follow the provisions set forth in Article V. Officers so elected shall serve until the end of the term of the vacated office.

#### **Article VII. Elections**

1. ~~The Chairperson shall appoint a nominating committee and its chairperson by July 1 of the year of the election. The committee shall comprise no more than three members.~~ The Chairperson shall appoint a nominating committee by July 1 of the year of the election. The committee shall be chaired by the past Chapter Chairperson and shall be

comprised of no more than three members.

2. The nominating committee shall present a ~~one candidate~~ ballot with a minimum of one candidate per open office ~~which includes the option to write in candidates at the fall meeting.~~

3. Nominations may also be accepted from the floor at the fall meeting.

4. Each nominee shall submit a written statement of acceptance and a biography for inclusion of the ballot.

5. Ballots shall be ~~mailed~~ made available to members by December 1, ~~be returned and voting shall be closed~~ by December 15. ~~and~~ The announcement of new officers will occur ~~made~~ by January 1. The ballot shall specify ~~the postmark deadline and the return address~~ the closing date.

6. The candidate who receives the greatest number of valid votes cast shall be elected.

7. Candidates shall be informed of the results in writing by the Chairperson. Announcements of the names of the successful candidates shall be made at no later than the spring meeting.

#### **Article VIII. Meetings**

1. The Chapter shall hold at least two meetings per year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

2. The date and location shall be discussed at the preceding meetings.

3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall ~~mail notices of~~ announce via listserv and/or email a meeting at least four weeks prior to the meeting.

4. The Officers of the Chapter shall be responsible for the program, drawing suggestions submitted by the membership.

5. Members may be appointed to assist the officers with planning, and host member(s) shall make local arrangements.

6. A quorum shall be 10 Chapter members.