

Guide to changes in AAMS Bylaws

(as numbered in new document)

Section 01 No changes.

Section 02 Changes philosophy concerning Membership. Instead of making application in writing, providing two references, and waiting to be printed in APJ, it permits folks to join instantly online. It does provide provisions to remove anyone undesirable for cause. Delineates conditions for Life and Honorary memberships.

Section 03 Collapses extensive section from the time we had 20 chapters (we now have 2).

Section 04 Makes small changes to the Board. Removes previously encountered problem where Officer was term limited, willing to serve, and had no replacement. Removes Past President from automatic Board membership. Increases At-Large members from 3 to 5. Comparisons with 6 other societies reveal 7-24 Board members with most with about 12.

Section 05 Permits more independent action by the President. Previously there were essentially no actions done without Board approval. In this version the President can fill vacancies until the next election. Board appointment will still require concurrence of the Board. In several organizations the President can authorize expenditures between \$100 and \$5,000. Here it allows authority of \$1,000 (so medals and ribbons can be replenished without prior approval, for example).

Section 06 No significant changes.

Section 07 Has Secretary distributing meeting minutes to the Board and Webmaster. Has Secretary supervising the Election process.

Section 08 Requires the Treasurer to accept electronic payments. Provides for quarterly reports to members of the Board.

Section 09 Sets Board size at 9 including 4 Officers and 5 members at large. Requires it sets dues levels for Life membership.

Section 10 Changes approval of nominees and transmittal to *APJ* Editor at May 1st and publication of names in the magazine to the July issue, Secretary would have all candidates (including those nominated by petition by August 1st) to the Board by September 15th. A ballot survey sent by email (or paper ballots sent by mail) by October 15th, and all votes received by the Secretary by October 25th.

Section 11 Publications collapsed and broadened to include eBook, video, podcast, blog, social media post, or other medium.

Section 12 Unchanged.

Section 13 Requires Membership Secretary forward members list quarterly to members of the Executive Committee.

Section 14 Addresses Mail and Zoom auctions and proceeds.

Section 15 Clarifies Convention schedule and outlines task for Show Coordinator at WSP shows.

Section 16 No major changes.

Section 17 Outlines responsibilities for the Webmaster.

Section 18 No major changes.

Section 19 New section providing indemnification for Officers and Directors.

Section 20 Revised section on amendments. Shortens time under submitted from 6 months to 3. Permits approval by 2/3 of members voting in person, mail, Zoom, or online survey.

Other societies have Bylaws that run from 9-32 pages. Ours was 14 and has been reduced to 9. In doing so the Past President Advisory Board, 8 member Publications Committee, 6 member Membership Committee, and Publications Business Manager were deleted. There is space for future positions (Knowledge Manager, Executive Director, and Social Media Coordinator) included but not delineated.