

Changes to the Constitution

Dear TCS Members, our constitution and bylaws have been updated four times over the last 26 years. However, I have noticed that they have needed some additional updating and revision to provide us with operational flexibility. The Executive Committee has reviewed my suggested changes to constitution and bylaws, and now it is time for us to vote to accept or reject them. To save space, I present just the proposed changes to the documents. I have placed both documents in their entirety on our website at www.vims.edu/tcs/constitutional_changes.htm.

Article 3, *Section 1: Membership*. Membership in the Society is open to individuals ~~or institutions~~ interested in crustaceans. Membership can be obtained upon written application to the Treasurer of the Society with accompanying payment of dues. [Institutions may obtain subscriptions to the journal through the payment of the appropriate fees to the Treasurer of the Society.](#)

Article 3, *Section 2: Types of Memberships*. [The following memberships are recognized:](#) Member, ~~Student Member~~ [Sustaining Member](#), Patron Member, Emeritus Member, ~~Institutional Member~~ and Founding Member ~~are recognized~~. Other classes of membership may be created by action of the Board of Governors, hereafter referred to as "The Board". ~~An institution or organization that is a member is entitled to designate a representative who may cast a single vote in its behalf.~~ [Institutional Journal Subscription and Foreign Institutional Journal Subscription are not categories of membership, but represent subscriptions to the Journal of Crustacean Biology.](#)

Article 3, *Section 3: Rights of Members* ~~hip~~.

Article 5, *Section 1: Officers*. The elected officers of the Society shall be the ~~(immediate)~~ [current](#) Past-President, [President](#), President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, [Liaison Officer for the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology \(SICB\) meetings](#), and Program Officer. An officer must be a member in good standing at the time of election and must remain in good standing throughout the term of office.

Article 5, *Section 2: Term of Officers*. All officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by a simple majority vote of ~~those~~ members voting in the election....

Article 5, *Section 3: Election of Officers of the Society*. An election for the offices of ~~Society~~ President-Elect, ~~and Society~~ Program Officer [and SICB Liaison Officer](#) shall be held in the last three months of odd numbered years. Elections for the offices of ~~Society~~ Treasurer and ~~Society~~ Secretary shall be held in the last three months of even numbered years. Elections shall be by means of a postal or e-mail ballot published with the newsletter and made available to the membership at least sixty (60) days before the election is concluded and ballots are counted. The closing date for return of ballots to the officer in charge shall be on or about ~~November~~ [December 31](#).

Article 5, *Section 4: Vacancies In Elected Offices*. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Past-President the office shall remain unfilled until the ~~then-current~~ [current](#) President's term expires....

Article 5, *Section 5: Removal from Office*. Should an elected officer, for reasons of incompetence or malfeasance, fail to fully or professionally discharge duties of the office, the Board [may](#) vote by either of the means specified in Article 7, Section 1 to issue a request for resignation. Should the officer not comply with such a request after a reasonable period of time, the Board may act to remove the officer by a three-fourths (3/4) majority mail [or email](#) poll of the full Board membership. The resultant vacancy shall be filled as specified in Article 5, Section 4.

Article 6, Section 1. Board of Governors. The voting members of the Board shall consist of the ~~(immediate)~~current Past-President, President (Chair of the Board), President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Program Officer, SICB Liaison Officer, Journal Editor and ~~five~~the regional Governors, one each to represent North America, Europe, Asia, South America and the Australasian Indo-Pacific regions, respectively. As appropriate, regional Governors may be elected to the Board to to represent other regions (e.g., Africa, Southeast Asia)....

Article 6, Section 3: Terms of Regional Governors.Regional Governors may serve two consecutive terms. In the event that regional Governors are elected from other regions, their elections will be held in odd-numbered years.

Article 7 Meetings, Section 1: Board of Governors. The Board shall meet at least once a year as part of an ~~prior to the~~ annual meeting. If announced in advance, an electronic meeting can suffice as an annual meeting....

Article 7, Section 2: Annual Meeting. The Society shall meet at least once a year. Officers and Governors are expected to attend when possible.

Article 12 Amendments: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members voting at any annual meeting of the Society or in a mail or email ballot....

Article 13: Bylaws: The Society may enact Bylaws for interpretation and implementation of this Constitution. Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting at any annual meeting of the Society or in a mail or email ballot....

Changes to the Bylaws

Bylaw 1: Types of Membership

- b. Student – a person enrolled as a student at an institution of higher learning. ~~b. ——— Sustaining — members contributing a yearly amount as determined by the membership. Sustaining Members shall be recognized in the Society's journal.~~
- e. ~~Institutional— Institutions or organizations shall be classified by the following categories accorded to individual members: Member, Sustaining Member, or Patron Member on the payment of dues higher than those of individual persons; such dues to be set as proscribed in Article 4.~~

Bylaw 4: A. Past-President. The office of Past-President shall be filled by the immediate Past-President of the Society. ~~The Past President shall serve as parliamentarian at meetings of the Board and business meetings of the Society membership.~~ The Past-President shall ~~also~~ assume primary responsibility for promotion of the Society's journal to institutions ~~and subscribers~~ and for solicitation of appropriate book offerings for the Society membership. The Past-President shall receive and compile nominations for the Excellence in Research Award and liaise with the Program Officer regarding other awards.

B. President.The President shall succeed to the office of ~~Immediate~~ Past-President upon the expiration of the President's term.

C. President-Elect. The President-Elect shall solicit nominations for offices and governorships from the membership and present nominations to the Board for consideration ~~when they to~~ adopt a slate of candidates....

D. Treasurer.The Treasurer chairs the Financial Committee.

F. Program Officer. The Program Officer shall be responsible for arranging ~~and/or~~ coordinating all symposia, workshops, conferences and similar activities in which the Society

takes part. The Program Officer chairs the Awards Committee and liaises with the Past-President regarding the Excellence in Research Awards.

~~G. SICB Liaison Officer.~~ The SICB Liaison Officer shall represent the Society at SICB meetings and will serve as liaison between SICB and the Society's officers. The SICB Liaison Officer shall liaise with the Program Officer to arrange symposia and workshops at SICB meetings.

Bylaw 6: Duties of Regional Governors: Regional Governors shall serve to represent the best interests of membership in all activities of the Board. In addition they shall serve to actively promote the Society through recruitment of ~~and maintain~~ Society members hips and Institutional subscriptions to the Society's journal in their respective regions. Regional governors are expected to attend regional carcinology-related meetings, advertise and promote the Society at these meetings, and promote relations between regional societies and the Crustacean Society. Governors are expected to file a yearly report to the Board of Governors (or the Society newsletter) on their activities (e.g., meetings attended, awards given, new members, important liaison issues).

A. Financial Committee. The Financial Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, who shall serve as Chair, and two members appointed by the Treasurer and approved by a majority vote of the Board. The Financial Committee shall prepare the annual budget for submission to the Board, audit all financial statements and shall advise the Board in all financial matters affecting the Society.

B. Editorial Committee. The Editorial Committee shall consist of the Editor, who shall serve as Chair, and Associate Editors deemed necessary by the Editor ~~(maximum of twelve)~~ and approved by the Board. The Editorial Committee shall be responsible for management of the Society journal and all other scholarly publications of the Society.

C. Awards Committee. An Awards Committee of the Program Officer, the Past-President and four (4) other members of the Society shall be appointed by the Society President to evaluate student presentations for special recognition by the Society, and to periodically nominate a distinguished crustacean biologist to be recognized for a Lifetime Achievement Award ~~contribution to the field~~ or for the Excellence in Research Award for contributions to the field. Additional awards may be made as deemed appropriate by the Awards Committee. The Humes Award is made for lifetime contributions to the field and the Excellence in Research Award is made for.... Nominations by the committee or its nominees, and the substance of all awards to be presented, shall be reported to the Board within two (2) weeks of an award being made and published in the next issues of the Society journal, newsletter and website ~~and journal.~~

Bylaw 9: Divisions: ...Expenses of the Division shall be paid from the treasury of the Society within limits of the amount allotted for this purpose in the annual budget of the Society and from funds received from special projects. No officer or member of a Division shall have authority to incur any expense in the name of the Society, except as above specified.

~~Bylaw 10: Disbanding of the Organizing Council~~

~~Members of the Organizing Council who are not elected to an Office or to a governorship may, if they desire, serve as voting members of the Board of Governors for a period not exceeding two (2) years beyond formation of the Board of Governors. Members of the Council elected as Officers or Governors shall serve terms as described in the Constitution.~~

Constitution and Bylaws of 1981, as amended by the Board of Governors on 29 December 1984, 27 December 1991, December 1995, and 31 May 2003 and approved by members.

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