

SSSP PROPOSED 2015 BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE V, SECTION 1. Composition of Board

Current wording:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Vice-President-Elect, Immediate-Past-President, seven executive members to be elected by the Society, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chairperson of the Council of the Special Problems Divisions; two Student Board Members; and as an ex officio, non voting member, the editor of *Social Problems*. All members of the Board of Directors shall have been dues paying members of the Society for at least two years preceding their assumption of office except for Student Board Members who shall have been dues-paying members of the Society for at least one year prior to assuming office.

The seven executive members of the Board shall be elected to three-year terms except for the initial Board members who are elected for the terms set forth in the Articles of Incorporation. The terms shall be staggered so that no more than three new members are elected each year. Executive members who have been elected by the Society to the Board shall not be eligible for re-election until three years have elapsed since their last term in office. Student Board Members shall be elected for two-year terms on a staggered basis so that one member is elected each year.

Proposed wording:

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In order to be a student representative on the Board, the individual must have student status, and must notify the Administrative Office if s/he is no longer a student as soon as her/his status changes. The Board will then appoint a replacement according to Article V, Section 5 of the by-laws.

Rationale for the change:

The rationale for this revision is to tighten up this requirement by requiring Student Board Members to be a student member throughout their term.

_____ Approve

_____ Disapprove

_____ Abstain

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 10. Membership and Outreach Committee

Current wording:

The Membership and Outreach Committee shall consist of nine elected members serving three year staggered terms. Each cohort of elected committee members should include at least one graduate student. The members of the committee shall each year elect a chair from among those committee members who are serving their third year on the committee. The duties of the Membership and Outreach Committee are to recruit new members, to raise awareness of SSSP and to recommend retention strategies to the Administrative Office and to the Board of Directors.

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In order to be a student representative on the Membership and Outreach Committee, the individual must have student status, and must notify the Administrative Office if s/he is no longer a student as soon as her/his status changes. The Board will then appoint a replacement according to Article V, Section 5 of the by-laws.

Rationale for the change:

The rationale for this revision is to tighten up this requirement by requiring Student Representatives on the Membership and Outreach Committee to be a student member throughout their term.

_____ Approve

_____ Disapprove

_____ Abstain