

TO: SSSP Board of Directors
FROM: Tracy L, Dietz, Chair, By-Laws Committee
RE: Annual Report of the Committee
DATE: July 13, 2023

The By-Laws Committee considered just a single proposed change to the by-laws over the past year. The request for consideration of the change came as a result of an action item approved by the SSSP Board of Directors on August 7, 2022. The approved change to Article IV, Section 1B, provides that once three email blasts have been sent out (one being from the Chairperson, Council of Divisions), the Division would be able to move into an election with only one candidate.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members, Val Leiter and Susan Carlson for their quick and helpful work on the committee. I would also like to thank Michele Koontz for her help and for the much-needed reminders. All are fantastic colleagues who are assets to SSSP.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment with Rationale for the 2023 General Election

Article VI. Section 1(B). Divisions

Current Wording:

There shall be at least two candidates for each vacancy.

Proposed Wording:

Nominations for candidates will be solicited through a minimum of three emails with at least one email each sent by the Division Chairperson and the Chairperson, Council of Divisions. While it is intended for elections to include at least two candidates, a Division will be allowed to move into an election with a single candidate, following the minimum of three email solicitations.

Rationale:

By requiring multiple attempts by multiple parties to solicit nominations, it is believed that the organization will have engaged in due diligence to ensure that a qualified slate of candidates has been identified.