

On November 13, 2008, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the following amendments to the ASLH By-Laws. This web page constitutes notice to the membership under Article 5, section 8, as of December 6, 2008. Under that by-law these amendments will stand approved unless within thirty days of this date ten or more members of the Society petition the president to submit the amendments to the membership for their approval.

#### Article 1, section 2

A member is entitled ~~to vote for the election of directors and officers and for other purposes herein provided,~~ to receive all publications as provided by the directors and officers, and to attend any general meetings. ~~For purposes of voting and attendance at general meetings institutional members may cast one vote and send one delegate to meetings.~~ An individual member, but not an institutional member, is also entitled to vote for the election of directors and officers and for other purposes herein provided, and to serve in any elected or appointed capacity.

#### Article 2, section 2

There are fifteen directors, one of whom shall be a graduate student representative, elected for terms of three years by each majority vote of the members voting, with one-third of the directors elected each year. The five nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In case of a tie which would cause more than five nominees to be selected, the officers and directors at the first annual meeting following the election shall, by a majority vote, determine the choices, so that only five directors are elected. The terms of office of the directors shall ~~be the three-year period commencing with the first day of the calendar year~~ begin upon the first day following the closing day of the annual meeting immediately following their election and shall end with the closing day of the third annual meeting thereafter. If any director dies, resigns, or ceases to be a member, leaving an unexpired term, the officers and directors, by a majority vote at the next annual meeting, shall elect a successor for the unexpired part of the term. Also, the immediate past president of the Society shall serve as an ex-officio director. The number of directors shall remain at fifteen plus the immediate past president unless a change is proposed by the officers and directors and approved by a majority vote of the members voting in a referendum on that subject.

#### Article 2, section 4

The executive committee consists of the officers and three directors, one from each election class, chosen by the ~~directors and officers by a majority vote~~ president. The executive committee may exercise the powers of the directors and officers at such times as it is not feasible to assemble a quorum of the directors and officers.

#### Article 2, section 5

The officers are president, president-elect, and secretary-treasurer (or secretary and treasurer as the officers and directors shall determine). The president and president-elect each serve two-year terms, with the president-elect being elected biennially and automatically succeeding to the presidency. Both of their terms commence on the first day following the closing day of the annual meeting immediately following the biennial election. The secretary-treasurer is (or secretary and treasurer are) appointed by the president, on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, to a ~~three-year~~ term commencing immediately upon appointment and ending with the closing day of the third annual meeting thereafter ~~on the first day of the calendar year after the appointment,~~ and the current holder is eligible for reappointment. [continue with current text]

#### Article 2, section 6

No salaries may be paid to any member, director or officer. The directors and officers may authorize the treasurer to make disbursements of funds for clerical assistance, travel expense of directors and officers, and such other purposes as may be proper. The president may authorize the treasurer to expend funds for other routine expenses of the Society up to ~~\$200~~ \$500.

#### Article 2, section 7

The directors and officers may appoint persons to assist any of the officers in performing his or her duties. All committees are appointed by the president, ~~with the approval of the executive committee; except only the executive committee itself,~~ which is constituted in accordance with section 4 (above) of this article, and the nominating committee, which is elected in accordance with section 4 (above) of this article, the Nominating Committee and the Surrency and Sutherland Prize Committees whose members are designated by the Nominating Committee. Except for the ~~E~~Executive Committee, appointments to standing committees of the Society are to be for staggered, three-year terms.

#### Article 3, section 1

Elections for directors and officers shall be held in the autumn of the year in which terms of office expire. A nominating committee composed of five persons elected by the membership of the Society shall make nominations for directors, officers, and members of the nominating committee as vacancies occur. The members of the nominating committee shall serve staggered three-year terms, and the first committee so elected shall be composed of one person serving a one-year term, two persons serving two-year terms, and two persons serving three-year terms. The membership at large shall be able to place on the ballot for members of the nominating committee any name that is supported by petitions of fifty individual members of the Society, such petitions reaching the secretary of the Society no later than June 1 of the year in which the election is to be held. The president may fill vacancies in the nominating committee until the next election. The president shall appoint the chair of the committee from those members elected. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes for the available

position(s) shall be elected ~~but whenever there is only a single position to be filled on the Nominating Committee, at least three nominees shall be presented to the membership.~~ Any tie shall be broken by a vote of the officers and directors.

Article 3, section 2

Any ballots will be returned to the secretary in order to be counted thirty days before the annual meeting, unless some later date is designated by the officers and directors. The results of the election shall be announced by the president at the annual meeting following the election and to the membership ~~by mail~~ at the earliest practical date thereafter.