

**A summary of the changes proposed to the SAWH bylaws
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Article V

Drop the position of managing editor.

Article VI

Add the Hall and Scott prizes.

Article VII

Section 1. Add immediate past president. Separate secretary and treasurer. Drop managing editor.

Section 2. Change nominating procedure to reflect current practice.

Section 3. Drop managing editor. Separate secretary and treasurer. Change secretary and treasurer's terms to five years.

Section 4. Drop managing editor. Separate secretary and treasurer.

Section 5. Drop audit, local arrangements, and publicity. Add mentoring. To the phrase "The President appoints the committees for terms of one year," add the phrase "except for Nominating, which is appointed by the Immediate Past President."

Section 7. Drop the phrase "and the Treasurer, preferably in the South." Change the term of the secretary to five years.

Add a new *Section 8*: The Treasurer shall serve a five-year term, to coincide with that of the Secretary's.

Section 8 becomes section 9; switches to gender-neutral language.

Section 9 becomes section 10.

Section 10 becomes section 11. Changes duties of Second Vice-President: deletes the membership committee and awards committee; adds "compiling a list of the service of members in a given year; putting together a session and submitting it for consideration of the Program Committee of the Southern Historical Association by that committee's stipulated deadline; and reviewing the SAWH web site quarterly."

Add a new *Section 12*. A board of six editors, appointed by the President from among senior SAWH members, shall work in an advisory capacity with the President and Executive Council to appoint editors and review proposals, budgets, and timetables for all SAWH-sponsored publications. The board shall also work to ensure that the organization maintains an excellent working relationship with the University of Missouri Press, the SAWH publisher of record. In consultation with the director of the Press, a board member will be available to serve as an outside reader for each SAWH volume submitted to the Press. The board will work with the

authors or editors in charge of the conference volumes and all other publications to ensure that deadlines are met and that the content and quality of the manuscript represents the organization well. The board should work with the author/editor of each SAWH publication to develop a schedule and a budget for each publication and should be kept apprised of the progress of SAWH publications. Board members will serve staggered four-year terms, with three members rotating off every two years.

Add a new *Section 13*. The SAWH will hold a Southern Conference on Women's History every three years.