

Proposed Amendments to the CSAP Bylaws

1. Presented by CA-San Diego Unit

In Bylaws Article X, Section 5.A, strike “-at-large”.

Currently reads:

ARTICLE X – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 5. A Bylaws Committee of three members, in addition to the President and Parliamentarian as ex officio members, shall:

A. Present to Annual Meeting, after consideration by the committee, amendments to the Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, and Standing Rules submitted to the committee no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting, if such amendments have been approved by: a Unit, an Area, two Members-at-large, the Past Presidents' Club, the Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors.

If amendment is adopted striking the term "at-large," will read:

ARTICLE X - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 5. A Bylaws Committee of three members, in addition to the President and Parliamentarian as ex officio members, shall:

A. Present to Annual Meeting, after consideration by the committee, amendments to the Bylaws, Special Rules of Order, and Standing Rules submitted to the committee no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting, if such amendments have been approved by: a Unit, an Area, two Members, the Past Presidents' Club, the Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors.

Rationale: The current wording is undemocratic, making it easier for Members-at-Large to submit amendments to the Organizational Rules than for unit members to do so, even though CSAP encourages and hopes that members will join units. Thus members (not just MALs) would equally be able to initiate an amendment to CSAP governing documents. This does not alter the other approving groups' ability to introduce amendments.

Recommendation: The Bylaws Committee will propose an amendment to the amendment as follows: strike "two" and insert "at least three." The Bylaws Committee recommends adopting this amendment to the amendment, and if passed, recommends adopting the entire proposal.

2. Presented by CSAP Executive Committee

Amend the CSAP Bylaws by striking in two locations "Historian" and "Historian Committee."

If adopted, ARTICLE X - STANDING COMMITTEES, Section 1 would read: There shall be the following Standing Committees: Budget and Finance, Bylaws, Annual Meeting, Annual Meeting Sites, Editor (California Parliamentarian), Financial Review, Growth and Service, ~~Historian~~, Mailing, Membership, Communications, Recognition, and Webmaster.

If adopted, ARTICLE X - STANDING COMMITTEES, Section 11 would be struck (and the subsequent sections from Article X would be renumbered: ~~11. A Historian, who shall compile a history of the prior year's activities and vital statistics and provide a written summary to the CSAP Annual Meeting.~~

Conforming Amendments: If this amendment passes, four mentions of "Historian" would also be removed from the CSAP Board of Directors' Board Rules of Procedure.

Rationale: A yearly written report from each Area Director for presentation at the annual meeting has sufficed for information each year about CSAP and its units and members. When a Historian has actually been appointed, there does not seem to be a year-long task for the person and any end-of year report is redundant to the area reports. No historical reports appear to have been recently retained in the archives of CSAP. Other appointments by the president (other than Historian) appear to be more vital in using the talents of members.

Recommendation: The Bylaws Committee recommends the adoption of this amendment.

3. Presented by CA-San Diego Unit

In the second sentence of Bylaws Article VI, Section 4.A, strike “two consecutive terms” and insert “one term consecutively”

Currently reads: ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS Section 4. Term of Office A. Annual Meeting-elected officers shall serve a term of two years or until their successors take office. No Annual Meeting-elected officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

If Amendment is adopted, will read: ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS Section 4. Term of Office A. Annual Meeting-elected officers shall serve a term of two years or until their successors take office. No Annual Meeting-elected officer shall serve more than one term consecutively in the same office.

Rationale: Until 2008, terms were one year, and President and Vice President could not serve two terms consecutively. In 2008, the bylaws were amended to allow a maximum of two consecutive (one-year) terms because there were few potential candidates. In 2012, the bylaws were again amended, and terms were increased to two years, without reducing the number of consecutive terms allowed. As a result, the President and Vice President may each serve continuously for four years, which is too long for CSAP to go without new leadership ideas. An individual could even potentially serve eight straight years as Vice President and then President if so elected, again potentially too long without new leadership ideas. The number of potential candidates has increased significantly because of an increase in newly-credentialed members and a loosening of the eligibility requirements for the offices, so that it is not necessary to retain rules intended to make up for a shortage of potential candidates.

Recommendation: The Bylaws Committee forwards no recommendation, but recognizes the possibility of an amendment to the amendment from the floor to exclude the Annual Meeting-elected officers of secretary and treasurer from this limitation of terms.

4. Presented by CA-San Diego Unit

Amend CSAP Standing Rule #13 by striking "at the appropriate time" and inserting "sent to members not less than one month nor more than three months prior to the May 1 deadline."

Standing Rule Currently Reads: 13. A notice shall be printed in the *California Parliamentarian* at the appropriate time every other year urging Units to submit one or more names of proposed candidates for any CSAP office stating the candidates' qualifications. The notice shall state that these proposed nominations are to be sent to the Nominating Committee before the May 1 deadline in even-numbered years.

Strike: 13. A notice shall be printed in the *California Parliamentarian* ~~at the appropriate time~~ every other year urging Units to submit one or more names of proposed candidates for any CSAP office stating the candidates' qualifications. The notice shall state that these proposed nominations are to be sent to the Nominating Committee before the May 1 deadline in even-numbered years.

If amendment is adopted will read with insertion: 13. A notice shall be printed in the *California Parliamentarian* sent to members not less than one month nor more than three months prior to the May 1 deadline every other year urging Units to submit one or more names of proposed candidates for any CSAP office stating the candidates' qualifications. The notice shall state that these proposed nominations are to be

sent to the Nominating Committee before the May 1 deadline in even-numbered years.

Rationale: This specifies what an "appropriate time" might be by giving a specific time frame for the notice to be published.

Recommendation: The Bylaws Committee recommends passage of this amendment.