

**Article I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS****Section 3. Nomination, Election, and Vacancies (amended December 4, 2002 and amended date)**

Representative Board Members shall be elected by Regional Chapters at such a time that the results can be reported to the Secretary before the Annual Business Meeting and in a manner specified by their own rules of procedure.

The Nominating Committee shall make at least eight nominations for the four annual vacancies for Members-at-Large. All nominees must be Members in good standing and give their written consent to the nomination. A list of those nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be ~~mailed~~ provided to each Member and Emeritus Member at least twelve weeks before the Annual Business Meeting. Further nominations for Board Members-at-Large may be made by at least two Members after written consent has been obtained from the nominee, ~~who must be a Member in good standing~~. The Secretary must receive such nominations, together with the written consent and biographical information, at least ten weeks before the Annual Business Meeting.

The Secretary shall prepare and provide a Ballot to each Member and Emeritus Member together with biographical information on all nominees not less than six weeks before the Annual Business Meeting. The closing date for receipt of the completed ballots by the Secretary shall be three weeks before the Annual Business Meeting. The Secretary shall inform all candidates of the results of the election at least two weeks before the Annual Business Meeting.

The Secretary shall be responsible for the integrity of the election process. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the Board of Directors will vote by secret ballot at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The votes of all Board members attending shall be counted at once and the results announced. In the event of a tie vote by the Board, the tie shall be resolved by the Executive Committee in a closed session; if the vote of the Executive Committee is a tie, the election shall be decided by the flip of a coin by the Executive Committee.

**Statement of Necessity:**

This amendment to the Bylaws removes the requirements that certain aspects of election of Board Members-at-Large be conducted by mail. One instance of “who must be a Member in good standing” was removed as redundant.

**Comments from the Membership:****Comments Against the Amendment:**

John Antolak spoke against the amendment as written due to the wording “All nominees must be members in good standing”. He believes this sentence belongs at the beginning or the end of the paragraph so it’s clear that phrase is applicable to both nominees from the Nominating Committee and the write-in nominees.