



2020 Proposed Changes to SRS Bylaws

The SRS Board of Directors regularly reviews the activities of the society and discusses potential changes to the organization. At the November 2019 board meeting, the Board decided to modify, add and remove various articles. The majority of these changes reflect current best practices. Since sections are specifically defined in the bylaws, the bylaws require an amendment in order for this action to go into effect. [Posted to the SRS Website is a copy of the current and proposed bylaws.](#) Below is a summary of the revisions proposed and approved by the SRS Board of Directors to the bylaws:

- 1. ARTICLE 2: *Add 501(c)(3) status to Purpose and Goals***
It is best practice to add the IRS exempt designation to the bylaws.
- 2. ARTICLE 6: *Remove endorsement requirement for Trainee and Associate Members***
Trainee and Associate members are currently required to provide a letter of recommendation from a current SRS Regular or Emeritus member. The board felt that this requirement was burdensome and could prevent Trainee and Associate members from joining. The board agreed to remove this requirement.
- 3. ARTICLE 6: *Procedures for Membership***
The current bylaws specify that an application is required for membership, but do not state how membership status is approved. It is best practice to describe the procedure for membership. After discussion, the board agreed that including the process for membership approval would improve transparency.
- 4. ARTICLE 6: *Processes for termination of membership, resignation, and reinstatement***
The current bylaws do not specify processes for termination of membership, resignation of membership or reinstatement of membership. It is best practice to describe these processes. The board agreed that these three articles should be added to clarify these processes.
- 5. ARTICLE 7: *Manner of Acting and Action without a meeting***
It is best practice to specify the manner of acting for a society in their bylaws.
- 6. ARTICLE 7: *Quorum***
The current bylaws state that 6 members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. It is best practice that quorum should be clarified as a majority of those present at the meeting rather than a fixed number.
- 7. ARTICLE 9: *Clarification of the role and responsibilities of the Executive Director.***
The current bylaws do not include a description for the Executive Director role. It is best practice to describe the Executive Director's position and responsibilities.
- 8. ARTICLE 11: *Corporate Limitations and Dissolution***
It is best practice for this section to match what is stated in the Articles of Incorporation.

9. *Removal of Article 15: Miscellaneous*

This information is not usually included in bylaws and the board feels that this article is unnecessary and should therefore be removed.

These changes will not go into effect until they are approved by the membership. It is important that you vote on the proposed changes to the bylaws.