

To: SWAFS Board of Directors

From: Linda Johnson and Pam McInnis

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RE: Proposed Changes to the SWAFS Constitution and By-laws, Article Ten

In accordance with the SWAFS Constitution and By-laws, Article Ten, the following proposed changes are submitted:

ARTICLE TEN

ELECTIONS

Section 1.

Only Regular, Distinguished or Emeritus Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Section 2.

All officers shall be elected by a mail ballot system or a secure electronic balloting system. Only Regular, Distinguished, or Emeritus members of the Association may be nominated for or hold the office of Immediate Past President, President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, or Board of Directors. In order to be elected to any office, the person nominated must receive the highest number of votes cast for persons running for that particular office. In the event of a tie, a runoff election will be held within twenty days of the fall business meeting.

Section 3.

All elections shall be administered by the Nominating Committee, who shall be responsible for counting the ballots and certifying the results of the election.

Discussion:

This change is needed in order to clarify who is eligible to run for office. With the current wording, technically it would be possible for Associate members to run, and then be promoted at the fall meeting just before taking office.