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Proposal to Amend Bylaws
FY13 Senate Meeting 1

Proposal #	Title	Article	Section	Proposed by
S-1305	Collegiate Director Election	IV	2.D.	Hannah Dahlgren , Betty Irish, Hope Toole Schwalls, Olivia LeBlanc, Stephanie Gillespie, Cheryl Manning, Pritee Tembhekar, Jennifer Vallero, Suzanne Hakam, Pamela Snyder

Current Language:	*Proposed Changes:*	*If Adopted:*
The collegiate director for the next fiscal year shall be nominated by the president elect and approved by the board of directors to: 1. Serve as a liaison to collegiate leaders; 2. Contribute collegiate knowledge and interests; and 3. Perform other duties as assigned by the president, the board of directors, or Society governing documents.	The collegiate director for the next fiscal year shall be ~~nominated by the president elect and approved by the board of directors~~ elected by the collegiate section presidents to: 1. Serve as a liaison to collegiate leaders; 2. Contribute collegiate knowledge and interests; and 3. Perform other duties as assigned by the president, the board of directors, or Society governing documents.	The collegiate director for the next fiscal year shall be elected by the collegiate section presidents to: 1. Serve as a liaison to collegiate leaders; 2. Contribute collegiate knowledge and interests; and 3. Perform other duties as assigned by the president, the board of directors, or Society governing documents.

Conforming Amendments: If this amendment is adopted, the following conforming amendment will also be adopted.

Article VI, Section 6.E. *Current Language:*	*Article VI, Section 6.E.* *Proposed Changes:*	*Article VI, Section 6.E.* *If Adopted:*
The nominating committee shall select one or more qualified candidates for each of the available positions and present such slate to the board of directors and the senate by February 1. The nominating committee may also recommend candidates for other positions, if so requested by the board or the senate.	The nominating committee shall select one or more qualified candidates for each of the available positions except the collegiate director and present such slate to the board of directors and the senate by February 1. The nominating committee shall select one or more qualified candidates for collegiate director and present such slate to the board of directors and senate by March 1. The nominating committee may also recommend candidates for other positions, if so requested by the board or the senate.	The nominating committee shall select one or more qualified candidates for each of the available positions except the collegiate director and present such slate to the board of directors and the senate by February 1. The nominating committee shall select one or more qualified candidates for collegiate director and present such slate to the board of directors and senate by March 1. The nominating committee may also recommend candidates for other positions, if so requested by the board or the senate.

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Additional candidates may be nominated by petition, provided that: 1. The member is eligible for the position. 2. The member has given written consent to be placed on the ballot. 3. At least 200 voting members have signed a petition or endorsed an e-mail to place the candidate's name on the ballot, with at least forty signatures/endorsements from each of four separate regions. 4. The petition, together with the written consent, is submitted to the Society headquarters by March 1.	Additional candidates for all positions except the collegiate director may be nominated by petition, provided that: 1. The member is eligible for the position. 2. The member has given written consent to be placed on the ballot. 3. At least 200 voting members have signed a petition or endorsed an e-mail to place the candidate's name on the ballot, with at least forty signatures/endorsements from each of four separate regions. 4. The petition, together with the written consent, is submitted to the Society headquarters by March 1.	Additional candidates for all positions except the collegiate director may be nominated by petition, provided that: 1. The member is eligible for the position. 2. The member has given written consent to be placed on the ballot. 3. At least 200 voting members have signed a petition or endorsed an e-mail to place the candidate's name on the ballot, with at least forty signatures/endorsements from each of four separate regions. 4. The petition, together with the written consent, is submitted to the Society headquarters by March 1.

Comments and Recommendations:

This motion was developed by the collegiate senators and the nominating committee. Timing of the collegiate director vetting falls after the society slate will be complete as candidates will be vetted in February in line with the collegiate leader timing; therefore, there would be no petition process for the collegiate director role. Collegiate section presidents may not directly know the candidates, but bios will be provided and all will have been vetted, just like other SWE elections.

Pro:

- Vetting the collegiate director through the nominating committee will provide consistency in the vetting process of the board members and ensure all candidates voted on by the collegiate section presidents are qualified.
- This gives the collegiate members a stake in the selection of the collegiate director, which should also increase exposure of the collegiate director role with collegiate members.
- The collegiate section presidents already elect the collegiate senators, RCRs, and RCCEs and have for several years. The current collegiate leader election procedure that provides a consistent process for all regions has been in place since FY09 and is a good fit for the collegiate director elections.
- Allowing the collegiate section presidents to elect the collegiate director will remove the current perception of a conflict of interest having the BOD appoint another voting member of the BOD.

Con:

- Collegiate section presidents will likely have less knowledge of what is best for the board responsibilities in the role of the collegiate director.
- Removes the BOD's ability to decide who is best for the collegiate director position in the next fiscal year.
- Adds additional duties to the Society nominating committee, which may not be as connected to the collegiate members.
- By having the collegiate director elected by only the collegiate section presidents, this could give the impression that the collegiate director position is a representative role. The board of directors is not a representative body; all board members are there to ensure the best interests of the Society are maintained.

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