

NASBS  
Proposed Bylaws Amendments Feb 2021

Objective: To provide an extension of Officer terms as needed due to extraordinary circumstances:

ARTICLE IV. OFFICIALS

4.1.0 *Officers.* The officers of the Society shall be the President, President-Elect, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall perform the usual duties attendant to their respective offices as outlined in the rules and regulations. All officers shall serve until their successors have been elected and installed in office. The President will serve a term of one year unless the Board of Directors votes by two-thirds approval to extend the term due to extraordinary circumstances. The office of the President shall alternate between Otolaryngology and Neurosurgery with a representative from the category of "Other" to be selected every fifth year. If an appropriate candidate for the office of the President cannot be identified by the Nominating Committee in the "Other" category members, the Board of Directors may vote to approve "skipping" the fifth year for that cycle and proceeding with a new cycle of alternating Otolaryngology and Neurosurgery. The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the Presidency. The Vice-President shall run the Board of Directors meeting in the case of the President's absence. The Vice-President shall assist in meeting site and time selection, program planning, and attend the NASBS Board of Directors Meetings. The Secretary and Treasurer may serve for a term up to three years. No officer shall serve more than one full term in the same office unless the Board of Directors votes by two-thirds approval to extend the term due to extraordinary circumstances.

Objective: To eliminate the appointment of secretary at the committee level.

III. Standing Rules

~~3.2.0 *Committee Secretary.* With the exception of the Board of Directors and the Publications Committee, each committee may select its own secretary.~~

**Objective**

To change the Constitution (Bylaws and Rules and Regulations) to permit three new member review cycles annually instead of two, and to clarify/update language.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

3.3.0 *Nomination and Election of Active, International, Candidate, and Affiliate Members.*

- a. The documents of applications will be forwarded to the chair of the Membership and Credentials Committee. That committee shall thoroughly review the applicant's qualifications and present its recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board shall have the sole right to approve the applicant's qualifications and nominate the applicant for membership. Less than a simple majority affirmative vote by the Board shall disqualify the applicant for membership at that time.
- b. The names of ~~candidates~~ applicants who are nominated by the Board shall be announced in writing to all voting members prior to the next scheduled business meeting.
- c. ~~Voting for initial membership approval shall be by a majority vote during Board Meetings (in person or by other means) of the society semi-annually.~~ The New Member Applicants will be presented to the Board of Directors for initial approval (in person or by other means) at the biannual Board Meetings and then to the membership, at the annual Business meeting, for any further discussion, voting and induction into the society.

**Rules and Regulations**

2.3.0 *Membership and Credentials Committee.* Shall consist of a chair and an open number of members whose term of office shall be three years with alternating and overlapping appointments, and the option for one renewal to the committee. Shall review all applications for membership in the Society. The Secretary of the Society serves as a standing member. The committee shall vote on all eligible applicants for membership ~~twice a three times per year.~~ The chair shall present a list of all eligible applicants and indicate those approved by the Committee at all Board of Director's meetings. Voting shall be by a majority vote during Board Meetings of the Board of Directors (in person or by other means), of the society semi-annually. ~~The New Member Applicants will be presented to the Board of Directors for initial approval at the biannual Board Meetings and then~~ After approval by the Board of Directors the list of approved applicants shall be presented to the membership, at the annual Business meeting, for any further discussion, voting and induction into the society. ~~The Committee shall further keep a record of the total membership, members by category, and fluctuation in membership and report such data to the Board of Directors.~~