

## Article III Officers, Section 2 Nomination and Election of Officers

### Current wording:

#### A Nominations

(1) Nominating Committee

(b) Duties. The Committee shall canvass the FLSSAR to solicit suggestions as to the members who are qualified and willing to serve in, and shall name at least one candidate for, each office that is to be filled by election by the FLSSAR at its next Annual Meeting. The Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall announce at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the names of the persons chosen by the Committee to be the nominees for the respective offices, and shall thereupon deliver a copy of the committee report to the Secretary who shall publish it in such a manner and at such time as to assure that every member of the FLSSAR is given at least thirty days advance information as to the names of persons whom the Committee will nominate for the respective offices for the following year. At the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR the Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall place in nomination the names of the respective candidates proposed by the Committee to be officers of the FLSSAR for the following year, and he shall thereupon deliver a copy of the committee report to the Recording Secretary.

#### B Qualifications of Nominees

(3) The nominating committee shall put forward no more than one name per elected office.

### Recommended Wording

#### A Nominations

(1) Nominating Committee

((b) Duties. The Committee shall canvass the FLSSAR to solicit suggestions as to the members who are qualified and willing to serve in ~~and shall name at least one candidate for,~~ each ~~elected~~ office that is to be filled ~~by election~~ by the FLSSAR at its next Annual Meeting. ~~The nominating committee shall put forward one name for all elected office positions except as described in B(3) of this section.~~ The Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall announce at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the names of the persons chosen by the Committee to be the nominees for the respective offices, and shall thereupon deliver a copy of the committee report to the Secretary who shall publish it in such a manner and at such time as to assure that every member of the FLSSAR is given at least thirty days advance information as to the names of persons whom the Committee will nominate for the respective offices for the following year. At the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR the Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall place in nomination the names of the respective candidates proposed by the Committee to be officers of the FLSSAR for the following year, and he shall thereupon deliver a copy of the committee report to the Recording Secretary.

(2) Nominations from the Floor Any member of the FLSSAR is entitled to nominate from the floor of any Annual Meeting, or any meeting of the BOM, any other member of the FLSSAR for any office of the Society that is to be filled by election by either of these bodies.

#### B Qualifications of Nominees

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(3) Tie breaker procedure. In cases of more than one applicant for a single office, the Committee shall vote to choose one nominee for each office. If one of three (3) or more names suggested for any office does not receive a majority, the name with the lesser vote shall be stricken for each subsequent ballot until one shall have received the necessary majority. In the event of a tie between two or more suggested nominees for any office, all names shall be listed as nominees.

#### Justification:

Current wording creates a potential conflict in that Article III, Section 2 A(1)(b) states: “The Committee shall canvass the FLSSAR to solicit suggestions as to the members who are qualified and willing to serve in, and shall name at least one candidate for, each office that is to be filled by election by the FLSSAR at its next Annual Meeting.”

While Article III, Section 2 B(3) states: “The nominating committee shall put forward no more than one name per elected office.”

The proposed changes resolve potentially conflicting wording and requires a single nominee for all elected officer positions. This is also intended to preclude a slate of candidates with vacant positions.

The proposed change also provides for a tie-breaker procedure similar to that found in the NSSAR Bylaws in cases where the Nominating Committee's vote results in a tie, possibly due to a member of the nominating committee also being a candidate of elected office.

### **Article VIII Miscellaneous, Section 3 Amendments**

#### Current Wording:

- A. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the FLSSAR, subject to the following:
  - (1) The text of any proposed amendments shall be submitted to the By-Laws Committee in ample enough time for review so that a recommendation can be made to the Annual Meeting.
  - (2) The text of any proposed amendment(s) must be provided to the members of the Board of Management (BOM) at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual or Special Meeting. The proposed amendment(s) will then be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
  - (3) The text of the proposed amendment(s) may be modified by a majority of the members present and voting without giving previous notice provided, however, that such modification(s) do not increase the scope or purpose of the amendment(s).

#### Recommended Wording:

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  - (1) The text of any proposed amendments shall be submitted to the By-Laws Committee in ample enough time for review so that a recommendation can be made to the Annual Meeting.
  - (2) The text of any proposed amendment(s) must be provided to the members of the **Board of Management (BOM) FLSSAR** at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual or Special Meeting. The proposed amendment(s) will then be voted on at the Annual Meeting **or Special Meeting**.
  - (3) The text of the proposed amendment(s) may be modified by a majority of the members present and voting without giving previous notice provided, however, that such modification(s) do not increase the scope or purpose of the amendment(s).

#### Justification:

- a) Notification should go to the FLSSAR membership (as opposed to the BOM) since that is the body that votes on by-laws changes.
- b) as noted in the other text, by-laws changes can be brought to the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.