

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTION REVISIONS

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### Article VII -- Officers Section 7

Six Trustees will be elected as specified in Article VIII by the General Membership to the Executive Committee. Each Trustee will be a voting member of the Executive Committee.

Five Trustees so elected must be General Members. They will serve for two years.

~~Trustees during their last year in office will be known as Senior Trustees.~~ A person concluding his or her term as ~~Senior~~ Trustee will ~~not~~ be eligible for immediate re-election for one more term. No trustee, whether regional or member-in-training, may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Each Trustee will represent a geographic region:

Trustee 1 (NE/Mid-Atlantic): CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

Trustee 2 (South): AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, WV, VA

Trustee 3 (Midwest): IL, IN, IO, KS, MI, MN, MO, OH, OK, WI

Trustee 4 (West): AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, ND, NB, NM, NV, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WY

Trustee 5 (International): all members who reside outside of the United States (including US Territories)

One Trustee so elected must be a member-in-training member. ~~This Trustee will serve two years and will not be eligible for immediate re-election.~~

### Article VIII – Election of Officers Section 1

All officers shall be elected in the following manner: A Nominations and Elections Committee shall be composed of the immediate past president, who acts as chair, and four (4) members who shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. This Committee will present its recommendations to the membership at the spring ~~or summer~~ meeting. Any voting member may, on his or her

own initiative, make a nomination for any office by a letter which reaches the President in time for ~~him or her~~the President to present ~~it~~the nomination to the membership at the spring ~~or summer~~ meeting. Nominations for ~~more than~~only one office may be made by such letter, ~~if it is endorsed by a~~and must be endorsed by a voting member.

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~~number of voting members equal to the number of nominations made.~~ A nominee shall be contacted ~~and indicated~~to confirm acceptance of the nomination prior to submission of nominations. At the spring ~~or summer~~ meeting, the President will accept further nominations, if any, from the members present at this meeting. If there is no contest for any office after nominations are received at the meeting the President may call for an immediate vote of the membership and unanimous election of the proposed slate may be effected. If there is a contest for one or more office, the Secretary will send a mail ballot on or about September 1st to all voting members, the ballot containing all Nominations within 10 days following the close of the spring ~~or summer~~ meeting.

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The Election will be ~~effected~~conducted in the following manner: all ballots received by the Secretary within 60 days following the mailing date will be tabulated by the Nominations and Elections Committee at the annual meeting. An announcement will be made at the Annual Meeting, the next mailed Newsletter or other mailed announcement. The candidate for each office receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the President will cast the deciding vote.

Officers shall be elected every other year on the following rotation:

#### EVEN YEARS (0,2,4,6,8)

President-Elect

Secretary

Trustee 2

Trustee 3

Trustee 5

#### ODD YEARS (1,3,5,7,9)

Treasurer

Trustee 1

Trustee 4

MIT Trustee

For the year in which this constitution is adopted, a Special Election shall be necessary. This election shall be held at the Annual Meeting. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor for President and the offices open for nominations based on (1) the year of this special election and/or (2) vacancy of the offices. This shall be the only time necessary for the election of the President, as henceforth the President-Elect will assume the office.

## Preamble For Proposed Bylaws Revision

Whereas there exists within the BPA membership a wealth of excellence in knowledge and experience that should be accessed for the ongoing wellbeing of our organization and the greater community,

Whereas it is agreed that the collective historical perspective, knowledge, and experience of senior members of the organization is valued and can be beneficial to the current leadership,

Whereas the Council of Elders of BPA was modeled by Drs. Harrison Ross, Holler and Jones instituted by former President(s) Pitts and Stewart circa 1995(?),

Whereas it is agreed that this component of the organization should be formalized,

It is hereby proposed that the Constitution and By Laws of the BPA be amended to include the Council of Elders under Article VII as Constitutional Committee with purpose, policies and procedures as follows:

### **PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISION**

#### **6. Council of Elders (C.O.E.)**

- a. This committee serves as advisory to the BPA leadership including the Board of Directors, Executive and Constitutional Committees in responding to issues of the day.**
- b. It will preserve the legacy of the BPA by incorporating our Elders for their sage advice and counsel.**
- c. It will allow access for early and mid-career members to obtain information and counseling.**

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The C.O.E. is composed of active members who have been BPA members for greater than 21 years and has been nominated in a letter by any BPA member in good standing, then ratified by the Executive Committee. Said appointments are honorific and will be celebrated with a ceremony and presentation of a certificate of membership. Existing COE members will select two coordinating co-chairs to serve a maximum of six years each. Membership appointments are for the lifetime of the active member. COE members may serve as an officer or an official committee member of BPA, if duly elected. COE members meetings will occur twice annually in conjunction with BPA conferences to receive BOD and Committee reports and make recommendations. COE members may be called upon by the committees' Co-Chairs to participate at other times throughout the year as needed for consultation, mentorship, drafting of position statements, etc.

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