

Steering/Bylaws

November 2011 BOD Report

As chairman of the Steering/Bylaws committee I have focused on preparing an updated version of the Bylaws. The *Word* copy that we have has been copied and pasted many times and the format is not consistent. The committee has approved some wording and order changes and they have been updated in the revised copy of the Bylaws. The change is the order in which the membership categories are listed. The new order is now consistent throughout the document.

There are two areas that I feel need our attention. First is Article III Membership,
Section 3- Dues.

(a) Dues are due and payable on January 1. Membership shall be forfeited if dues are not paid by January 1.

(b) The dues notice may be mailed with the ballot for the election of National Officers.

I would suggest that (a) read: Dues are payable on January 1. Membership shall be forfeited if dues are not paid. I also suggest that (b) be omitted because this could not happen. The nominations for National Office are not closed until January 1 and there is petition that is open until February 1. So according to our bylaws the ballot would not be ready to send until February 2. These changes would constitute a bylaw change.

The last area that needs to be addressed is ARTICLE IV- BOARD OF DIRECTORS (a) and (g); (a) deals with the creation of the Director at Large (June 2002) and (g) defines the qualifications for this position. In June of 2003 a motion was introduced and voted on to change the name of the "Section at Large" to the "Exhibitors Section", this motion passed unanimously. I suggest that section (g) be moved to section (b) as it gives the qualifications for the Director at Large in section (a). I also suggest that the wording be changed to : (a) There shall be a Board of Directors composed of the President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, one Director from each Section of the Society and one Director at Large chosen from the Exhibitor's Section (June 2002,2003).(b)The Director of the Exhibitor's Section must be a National member of the ASGS and an exhibitor at the annual ASGS Symposium for a minimum of 3 years(June 2002,2003). When I sent this out to the bylaw committee as to whether this would be a bylaw change, the consensus was it would not be a bylaw

change.

I hope that this has not thoroughly confused you. I will send this report out to the bylaw committee and if approved will make the changes and submit the updated bylaws again this June.

Respectfully,
Curt Sexton

Proposed Bylaw Change

The following bylaw changes are being submitted for consideration by the Board of Directors.

Current Bylaw:

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 3 - Dues

- (a) Dues are due and payable on January 1. Membership shall be forfeited if dues are not paid by January 1
- (b) The dues notice may be mailed with the ballot for the election of national officers.
- (c) The amounts paid for membership dues are voted on by members of the ASGS (who are eligible to vote).

Proposed change:

- (a) Dues are due and payable on January 1. Membership shall be forfeited if dues are not paid.
- (b) Omit completely
- (c) The amounts paid for membership dues shall be voted on by the members of the ASGS, who are eligible to vote, at the annual business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Curt Sexton Chairman Steering/Bylaws Committee