

Proposed Amendments to the SDDS Bylaws

The following proposed amendments to the SDDS Bylaws were approved by the Board of Trustees at the June 4, 2012 and September 10, 2012 meetings of the Board. They will be brought to the membership for approval at the October 11, 2012 General Membership Meeting.

Amendment 1 Explanation Statement

Article XXIII of the SDDS Bylaws requires the SDDS Bylaws to be free of any conflict with the Bylaws of the ADA and/or the NYSDA. The ADA and NYSDA have recently revised the Rules governing Parliamentary Procedure from Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, Alice Sturgis to American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures. To eliminate the conflict, the SDDS Bylaws require an amendment.

Resolved: that Article XIX, Section 3H be amended as follows: (additions indicated in **underlined bold italic**, deletions indicated in strikethrough)

H. All questions of order not provided for by these rules shall be determined by the latest edition of the ~~Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, Alice Sturgis, revised by the American Institute of Parliamentarians~~ **American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures.**

Amendments 2 and 3 Explanation Statement

While examining the parliamentary authority issue, some other inconsistencies were discovered in our current bylaws with the AIP Standard Code, requiring minor amendments.

Resolved: that Article XIX, Section 2 be amended as follows: (additions indicated in **underlined bold italic**, deletions indicated in strikethrough)

Article XIX. RULES OF ORDER

Section 2: Procedural Hierarchy

A. The precedence, in relation to main motions, of the most frequently used motions, is as follows:

1. Privileged Motions
 - a. Adjourn
 - b. Recess
 - c. Question of Privilege
2. Subsidiary Motions
 - a. Postpone temporarily (lay on the table) **Table**
 - b. Vote immediately (previous question)
 - c. Limit debate
 - d. Postpone definitely
 - e. Refer to a committee
 - f. Amend
3. Main Motions
 - a. Main motion and ~~restorative~~ **specific** main motions

Resolved: that Article XV, Section 3A be amended as follows: (additions indicated in **underlined bold italic**, deletions indicated in strikethrough)

Article XV. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MEETINGS

Section 3: Board of Trustees Meeting

A. Reading Approval of the minutes of the last Meeting

Amendment 4 Explanation Statement

Lastly, there was considerable comment at the June Board meeting regarding the methodology for determining membership in the Oral Health Committee. Our Bylaws stipulate that the membership of the Oral Health Committee is constituted by election with a limited term and limited number of volunteers, whereas most other committees are constituted by appointment by the President Elect. This effectively limits our ability to place the necessary number of volunteers in place for what is one of the most active committees that Second District has. Willing volunteers can be turned away if the committee is at full complement. The solution to the dilemma is to remove the Oral Health Committee from the electoral process and allow it to be constituted by appointment in the same fashion as our other committees. Suggested language to accomplish this is as follows:

Resolved, that Article XII, Section 22 and Article XIII, Section 1 - A of the SDDS Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows: (additions indicated in **underlined bold italic**, deletions indicated in strikethrough)

Article XII. COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF STANDING AND ELECTED COMMITTEES

Section 22: Oral Health Committee

A. Composition: This Committee shall consist of the Chair and **at least** twenty (20) members, at least one of whom shall be from the Branch Societies. ~~Each year at the annual election, five members shall be appointed, each to serve for a term of four years.~~ A member who has served on this committee **for at least one year** shall be selected by the President-Elect to serve as Chair for a term of one year.

Article XIII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, REPRESENTATIVES AND DELEGATES

Section 1: Nominations

Nominations shall be made at the October General Membership Meeting for the following Offices: President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian-Curator. Nominations shall also be made for the following New York State Dental Association Councils, Committees, Boards and Delegations when the vacancy exists or for any new positions that are created.

A. Offices:

1. Board of Trustees of this Society for a term of two years
2. ~~five members of the Oral Health Committee of this Society for a term of four years~~