

## Overview of GP/ Solo Division Proposed Bylaw Amendments

### Article 1: Names, Definitions and Financial Policy

- 1.1- No change
- 1.2- Added definitions 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 1.2.7, 1.2.8, 1.2.9,1.2.10,1.2.11, and 1.2.12. No substantive changes to 1.2.5, or 1.2.6.
- 1.3- The Mission statement was deleted and moved to the Division's Long Range Plan.
- 1.3 Financial Policy: No changes accept the addition of 1.3.5.

### Article 2: Membership

- 2.1.1-2.1.3 All of the definitions have been modified.
- 2.2 The definition was changed to include a free regular membership.
- 2.3 No substantive changes as to lawyer members. Adds termination provisions for Associate and Law Student members.

### Article 3: Annual Meeting of the Division Membership

- 3.2 Clarifies that a quorum is established by the voting members of the Division which is defined in Article 1.2.12.

### Article 4: Council

- 4.1-4.7 No substantive changes
- 4.8 Vacancies: Provides a good cause provision for a Council member who has exceeded his/her absences to receive an excused absence from the Executive Committee. The Article also provides for an appeal of the Executive Committee's decision to Council upon the request of the Council member who is requesting an excused absence.

### Article 5: Officers

- 5.1 No change
- 5.2 Section 5.2.1 (ii) Adds a Membership Director and a Diversity Director. No changes to 5.2.1 (i).  
Section 5.2.2- No change
- 5.3 No change

5.4 Section 5.4.1 (iv) added a provision that makes the distribution of the Division's Long Range Plan the responsibility of the Vice Chair. No changes to 5.4.1(i), (ii), (iii), and (v).

Section 5.4.2 adds a succession provision to Chair-elect from Vice Chair if the Chair-elect cannot perform his/her duties.

5.5. No changes to Section 5.5.1 (i)- (v). Section 5.5.1 (vi) sets forth that the Secretary shall serve as Chair of the Bylaws Committee.

5.5.2 Adds a succession provision to Vice-Chair from Secretary if the Vice-Chair cannot perform his/ her duties

5.5.3 Adds a provision for filling a vacancy for the office of Secretary

5.6 There are no changes to 5.6.1 (i) and (ii). Sections (iii)- (vii) set forth expanded duties of the Budget officer.

5.7 This is a new Section setting forth the duties of the Revenue Director

5.8 5.8.1- No change

5.8.2- Clarifies the succession of officers and provides for an automatic succession from Secretary for Vice-Chair.

5.9 Sets forth again that officer positions will be fill pursuant to Sections 5.2 through 5.5 of the bylaws. No other changes

5.10 No changes

Article 6: Division Delegates to the House of Delegates; Delegates to the Nominating Committee; Division Member at Large to the Board of Governors

6.1- 6.3 No changes

Article 7: Nomination and Election of Officers and Council Members

7.1 The office of Vice-Chair is deleted. It also deletes the provision that a current voting member of Council cannot serve as member of the Nominating Committee.

7.2 No change

7.3.1 Deletes the sentence " The Nominating Committee shall strive to ensure strong leadership in the Division by nominating candidates based upon service to the members of the Division."

7.3.2- Deletes a petition process for Vice-Chair and prohibits nominations for Secretary or Council Member-at-Large from the floor during the Division's Annual Meeting.

7.3.3 (i) Deletes Vice-Chair from campaign literature due to succession process. No other substantive changes.

7.3.4 This Article on campaign practices was completely changed. The substantive changes are the following:

1. It provides for the election to be administered by an Election Committee. This committee shall consist of a member appointed by each of the following: the Chair, Chair-elect, Vice-Chair, Secretary and the Immediate Past Chair.

2. The Article sets forth several new guidelines dealing with campaigning and endorsing candidates.

7.3.5 This Section is new and deals with enforcement and interpretation of campaign practices. It sets forth the process for filing and resolving a complaint against a candidate. The Election Committee is given the power to review, investigate and decide on an appropriate sanction in the event of a campaign violation. However, this Article also provides for an appeal and Council review of any action taken by the Election Committee.

7.4.1 Adds a provision for an electronic notice to be sent to the voting members of the Division giving them information regarding the time, place and date of the election.

7.4.2 Deletes Vice-Chair from the Article.

7.4.3 Adds provisions dealing with voter qualifications, voting procedures and resolving voter qualification disputes.

7.4.4 The change in this Article provides that the Tellers Committee be comprised of an appointee by each candidate and the Chair of the Committee be selected by the Chair of the Division.

7.4.5 A new Article giving the Council the power to supplement the bylaws with respect to election procedures.

## Article 8: Committees, Boards, and Directors

8.1.1 Changes the Diversity Committee to a Diversity Board.

8.1.1 (i) Updates the duties of the Membership Board and changes the composition of the Board from 9 to 10 members to include the new position of Membership Director. The Membership Director shall be appointed for a one year term.

8.1.1 (ii)- (v) No substantive changes

8.1.1 (vi) This is an addition to Article 8 which creates a Diversity Board and an appointment of a Diversity Director. The Diversity Board's composition and

appointments are made the same way as the Membership Board. The Diversity Director is appointed for a one year term.

8.1.2 No change

8.1.3 (i) and (ii) This Article adds the Membership and Diversity Directors and changes the duties of the Directors to be consistent with those additions.

Article 9: Representation of Association Position No change

Article 10: Amendments No change

Article 11: Parliamentary Authority No change