



MEMO TO: IHLS Board of Directors
FROM: Ellen Popit
DATE: January 18, 2017
RE: Revised Proposed Bylaws Change

The Policy and Membership Committee brought proposed language to the board at its November, 2016 meeting regarding Bylaws Article VIII. The current article is entitled Advisory Councils and reflected a means of member engagement implemented during the first few years of our organization. Beginning July, 2016, we have moved to the Members Matter Meeting format. The committee presented a revised Article VIII in November. Following discussion, the board sent it back to committee.

Here are the current, November 2016 proposed, and January 2017 modified proposed versions of Bylaws Article VIII. The committee recommends acceptance of the January 2017 version.

Current Version

Article VIII Advisory Councils

The Executive Director shall form Advisory Councils to serve as an effective liaison between the librarians of the System and the Executive Director.

The purpose of the committee is to:

- 1. Promote System development.***
- 2. Provide input and review of changes to System policy and membership criteria.***
- 3. Initiate suggestions to the Executive Director and the Board.***

Members of the Advisory Councils shall serve three-year terms.

November 2016 Proposed Version (strikes current version in its entirety)

Article VIII: Membership Input

The Executive Director shall hold six meetings for system members at rotating sites throughout the system.

The purpose of these meetings is to:

- 1. Gather input and feedback from members regarding current System services and initiatives.***
- 2. Offer an additional opportunity for communication and networking with and among membership.***
- 3. Provide a forum in which suggestions can be made for the consideration of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director.***

These meetings will be held on a bi-monthly schedule at geographically diverse locations throughout the system. Videoconference sites will be open to enable members from throughout the system to attend in several locations. As they become available and effective, other electronic methods of connectivity will be implemented to offer other meeting options for members.

January 2017 Modified Proposed Version (modifies frequency of meetings)

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- 2. Offer an additional opportunity for communication and networking with and among membership.*
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Thank you for your consideration.