

ARTICLE C8.1 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

C8.1.1 At any Business Meeting of the Society corporate members may propose in writing an amendment to the Constitution, provided that it shall bear the written endorsement of at least 20 corporate members in good standing.

Such proposed amendment shall not be voted on for adoption at the meeting, but shall be open to discussion and modification, and to a vote as to whether in its original or modified form, it shall be provided to the corporate members of the Society for action.

If the corporate members present at the meeting, not less than 20 voting in favor thereof, shall so decide, then the Executive Director/CEO shall distribute to each corporate member a notice of the proposed amendment setting forth the proposed amendment in full, accompanied by any comment the Board of Governors may elect to make.

A proxy ballot shall be distributed with the notice of the proposed amendment. The voting shall close at 10:00 a.m. on the 20th day preceding the Business Meeting of the Society following the distribution.

Seven days or more before the closing of the proxy vote on an amendment to the Constitution, the Committee of Inspectors of Proxies and Ballots shall be convened to canvass the votes cast. Upon the close of the proxy vote, the Committee of Inspectors of Proxies and Ballots shall canvass the proxy ballots returned to the Society and shall certify the result to the Presiding Officer at the next Business Meeting of the Society. The terms of the members of the Committee of Inspectors of Proxies and Ballots shall expire when their report of the canvass has been presented and accepted.

The adoption of the amendment shall require a vote in its favor of two-thirds of the votes cast.

The Presiding Officer at the Business Meeting of the Society following the close of the ballot shall announce the result, and if the amendment is adopted it shall thereupon take effect.

C8.1.2 Any changes in the order or numbering of paragraphs of the Constitution and By-Laws required by an amendment shall be made under the direction of the Board of Governors.

C8.1.3 This Constitution shall supersede all previous rules of the Society, and shall go into effect upon the adjournment of the Business Meeting of the Society at which the Presiding Officer announces its adoption.