

# Proposed Amendments to the APS Bylaws

## Election of Regular and Corresponding Members

The current practice of electing regular and corresponding members, in accordance with the Bylaws, is to have APS regular members vote at the spring and fall Society Business Meetings on a slate of candidates proposed by the Membership Committee and approved by Council. Since there no longer will be a fall Business Meeting, candidates will be required to wait a year before approval of their membership. To continue to elect members twice a year, the Council recommends the following amendments to the Bylaws:

### ARTICLE III. *Membership*

SECTION 10. *Nominations for Membership.* Two regular members....

a. The Membership Committee shall ~~investigate~~ assess the qualifications of proposed regular and corresponding members and recommend nominations to Council. ~~Council shall nominate members for election at a Business Meeting of the Society. A list of nominees shall be posted for consideration by the members attending the meeting two days prior to the Business Meeting at which election occurs.~~

SECTION 11. *Election of Members.* Election of regular, corresponding, and honorary members shall be by secret ballot ~~at a Business Meeting of the Society by members of Council.~~ A two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting shall be necessary for election.

## Student Members

Citizenship (or permanent residency) is required for student membership, as it is for regular and associate members. Since many graduate students in this country are not from the Americas, it is recommended that this citizenship requirement be removed from student members. The Membership Committee proposes that the Bylaws be amended as follows:

### ARTICLE III. *Membership*

SECTION 8. *Student Members.* Any student who is actively engaged in physiological work at an institution in The Americas as attested to by two regular members of the Society shall be eligible for proposal for student membership and who is a resident of The Americas. No individual may remain in this category for more than five years, without reapplying.

## APS Sustaining Associate Members

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