

[Convention Secretary's Note: The following is an excerpt from the 2016 Convention Minutes which includes the text related to the amendment to the Bylaws related to fellowships and the amendment to the Constitution related to the Executive Council.]

Continuing the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, B.A. Hiles (AK A), Chair, reviewed the work of the committee which included the proposal by the Petitions Committee for consistency with the existing Constitution and Bylaws, the general revision to the Constitution and Bylaws, a change to allow single-term fellowships, and updates related to the Executive Council election and nomination process. Regarding the general revision to the Constitution and Bylaws, the committee recommended the governing documents be broken into a Constitution, a Bylaws, and policy documents. The committee also provided feedback on what sections of the existing Constitution and Bylaws be included in each document. These recommendations will be provided to the Executive Director for further action following Convention.

Mr. Hiles **moved**, seconded by L. Pattanaik (OH G), **to take from the table the motion to amend the Fellowship Program Bylaws to allow recipients to receive a fellowship for a single term**. At the request of Mr. Hiles, Chairman Hickling recognized A.F. Weaver (Sacramento AC) to speak to the motion. Mr. Weaver indicated that two past proposals to modify the Fellowship Program to allow differing amounts of financial support were defeated because of vague language. The proposed changes are concrete in that fellows would receive a stipend for a full year or half the amount for a single term of study. This could allow more fellowships to be awarded, and the language used in the proposal mirrors that used to define a partial-term scholarship. There was no further debate, and Mr. Hickling explained the proposal would require a 3/4 vote in the affirmative of the voting delegates registered at Convention. The **motion passed** with 256 in favor and 7 against and takes effect immediately. The wording of the motion appears below.

Bylaw X *Fellowships*

SECTION 10.03. **Eligibility Conditions.** (a) Fellowships shall be granted to members of the Association strictly for graduate work towards an advanced degree. The graduate study shall be in a field that enables the recipient to contribute to the engineering profession as determined by the Fellowship Board. ~~The fellow shall pursue full-time study for the full college year of the institution at which the fellowship year will be spent.~~ The fellow shall pursue full-time study for either a full term or a partial term as specified by the fellow. A full term is defined as the full college year of the institution. A partial term is defined as one semester, one trimester, or two quarters of the institution.

(b) A fellowship shall not be awarded to a member who has previously had a Tau Beta Pi fellowship.

(c) Stipends shall not be awarded to those fellows who accept other substantial financial aid as determined by the Director of Fellowships.

SECTION 10.07. **Payment.** The stipend ~~shall be the same for all fellowships with stipend awarded in any one year, but~~ may be changed from year to year. The stipend amount shall be the same for each full-term fellowship awarded in any one year. The stipend amount for each partial-term fellowship shall be half of the stipend amount for a full-term fellowship in the same year. The Executive Director of the Association shall pay to each of the fellows the amount of the stipend in ten monthly installments on the fifteenth of each month, or in another manner approved by the Executive Council. See Bylaw III, Sec. 3.01(f)(8).

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Mr. Hiles stated that the committee's final item of business related to the restructuring of the Executive Council approved last year. The committee reviewed the proposed changes which removes leftover language related to the election of groups, since the intent is to elect Council members individually, update the election process, change alumnus to alumni, grant the power to define the size of the Council to the Convention, and address minor wording issues. He **moved**, seconded by A. Nistala (MA B), **to amend the Constitution to effect the changes he outlined and listed on the screen**. Chairman Hickling recognized J.I. Larson (Chicago AC) to present the position of the committee. Mr. Larson reported that the 2015 Convention removed the provisions related to election of the Executive Council by slate, but not all the language was addressed. With the removal of election by slate, the election procedure also requires updates which the proposal addresses. This year we adopted standing rules to address this issue which will be unnecessary next year. B.W. Utz (Texas Gulf Coast AC) inquired as to the definition of "majority," and Chairman Hickling indicated that it would mean the majority of the number of registered voting delegates. Hearing no debate, Mr. Hickling requested that the vote be conducted by text ballot and passage required a 3/4 vote in the affirmative by the voting delegates registered at Convention. **The motion passed** with 256 in favor and 2 against, but final approval of the change is **subject to chapter ratification**. The wording of the motion appears on the next page.

Article III
Government of the Association

SECTION 2. Convention.

(e) The Convention shall set the size of the Executive Council.

~~(e)~~ The Convention shall elect the members of the Executive Council as hereinafter provided and fill vacancies for the remainder of the terms of office vacated. See Const. Art III, Sec. 3 (g) and Const. Art. III, Sec. 6.

[Subsections (f) through (j) will be renumbered to subsections (g) through (k), respectively.]

SECTION 3. Executive Council. (a) The Executive Council shall consist of no more than twelve voting ~~alumnus~~ members who are alumni and no fewer than the minimum in accordance with state law. They shall serve without compensation for staggered terms of three years, or until their successors are chosen and qualified. The members of the Council shall be elected by the Convention. Members are limited to two consecutive three-year terms with at least one year off before being eligible to ~~be elected again~~ take office again. The Executive Director shall serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Council.

(b) Any chapter, collegiate or alumni, may nominate one or more ~~alumnus~~ members who are alumni to serve on the Executive Council. Such nomination shall be made to the Executive Council before April 1 preceding the Convention at which the election is to be held. Elections shall be held every year.

[Subsections (c) through (e) are unchanged.]

(f) The Convention shall vote only on the ~~published groups nominated individuals~~, except that if ~~only one group has been nominated~~ the number of nominees is less than the number of vacancies, any ~~member of the delegate to the~~ Convention may nominate ~~a group of alumnus~~ eligible members who are alumni to serve on the Executive Council, provided the ~~member delegate~~ is certain that the nominees are willing to serve if elected.

(g) ~~A group of candidates for~~ Each vacant seat on the Executive Council ~~must be elected~~ shall be filled in turn by the favorable vote of a majority of the qualified voters registered at the Convention. ~~A vote by the Convention will cause the nominated group~~ All nominees who have not been elected to a seat on the Executive Council shall be candidates for the seat under consideration. Voting shall be repeated until the seat is filled. If a candidate receives a majority vote or if only one candidate remains, that candidate shall be elected to the seat. If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the ~~least number of ballots to~~ fewest votes shall be dropped from further consideration ~~until a group receives a majority vote for the seat in question~~. The numerical results of each ballot will be made known to the Convention before any subsequent ballots are cast.

[Subsection (h) is unchanged.]

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