



Association of Women Surgeons

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October 2010 – Proposed Bylaw Changes: The AWS Council recommends the following AWS Bylaw changes. In accordance with AWS Bylaws changes to the Bylaws must be presented to the membership no less than 30 prior to the vote. The changes proposed below will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington DC.

Bylaw	Current	Proposed	Rational
Article III Section 2d	Emeritus: Emeritus membership is open to retired surgeons and is granted by the AWS Council. Emeritus members may not vote or hold office. <i>This membership does not include a complimentary AJS subscription.</i>	REPLACE Emeritus: Emeritus membership is open to any regular AWS member who has maintained a membership for at least three years and who is going to be FULLY retired. Emeritus members may not vote or hold office and does not include a complimentary AJS subscription. Emeritus membership requests must be accompanied by a letter of request. Emeritus membership is granted by the AWS Council.	For clarification.
Article VIII Section 2	Composition: The AWS Council consists of the chairs of the committee and members of the Executive Committee. There shall be no less than three (3) and no more than twelve (12) committee chairs. The Executive Director and Executive Vice President shall also be members of the Council but shall be without vote. <i>Members of the Executive Committee shall be liaisons with specific committees. They shall be copied on committee communications and may or may not attend committee meetings at their discretion.</i> Student and Resident representatives on the Council are appointed by the Executive Committee and are the chairs of the Student and Resident Committees for one-year terms renewable for up to three terms.	DELETE Members of the Executive Committee shall be liaisons with specific committees. They shall be copied on committee communications and may or may not attend committee meetings at their discretion.	Delete this sentence to comply with current practices. Leadership liaisons will be appointed by the president as needed.
Article VIII Section 3	Manner of Election & Term: Committee chairs are established through a progression from committee member to committee vice chair to committee chair. Committee chairs are automatically members of the Council. Executive Committee members shall be slated by the Nominating Committee annually, elected by the general membership at the time of the annual meeting and take office immediately.	REPLACE Manner of Election & Term: The AWS Nominating Committee will meet annually to prepare and submit a slate for election by the AWS membership in October. The slate will include the AWS Executive Committee and Council Members who will serve as committee chairs.	To simplify and stream line the process.