

DIVISION OF ECOIMMUNOLOGY AND DISEASE ECOLOGY BYLAWS

Proposed Amendments, March 2023

Rationale: This proposed amendment aligns with the proposal for a shift of officer terms across SICB. Officer terms now end at the end of the Annual Meeting, but substantial work often remains for officers after the Annual Meeting (for example, selecting and communicating with Best Student Presentation winners, compiling minutes of Members Meetings, resolving expenditures from the Annual Meeting). In practice, officers whose terms have just ended often continue to work to complete these tasks, or new officers must step in to complete tasks they were not previously involved in. By shifting officer terms to begin and end 4 weeks after the annual meeting, terms will better align with the work expected of officers. In practice, we will aim for this transition to occur around February 1 each year.

Article IV. Officers

Officers of the Division shall be a Chair, a Chair-Elect, Program Officer, Program Officer-Elect, Secretary, and Secretary-Elect. Elections of officers shall be held by either paper or appropriately secure electronic ballots. A brief biography of each candidate shall be made available on the ballot. Unless otherwise stated, the term of office of all elected officers and appointed representatives shall begin **four weeks after** ~~at the end~~ of the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting in the year the term is to begin and will end **four weeks after** ~~at the adjournment of~~ the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting in the year the term is to expire. The Officers shall constitute an Executive Committee of the Division and are responsible for divisional affairs.