

DIVISION OF ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION 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 V. Administrative Organization

Section 1. Officers

- A. The officers of the Division shall be Chair, Past Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, Secretary-Elect, Program Officer, and Program Officer-Elect. These six offices shall constitute the Divisional Executive Committee and shall be responsible for the affairs of the Division.
- B. The term of office for the Chair, Chair-Elect, Program Officer, and Secretary shall be two (2) years. The term of office for the Secretary-Elect and Program Officer-Elect shall be one (1) year. 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.~~
- C. In the circumstance where an elected officer is unable to complete their term of office, the following provisions are made: If the office of Secretary or Program Officer is vacated early, the Chair, in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee, will appoint someone to serve until elections can be held to fill the position. If the office of Divisional Chair is vacant, the Divisional Executive Committee, in consultation with the SICB President, will appoint someone to be the interim Chair until an election is held.