

DIVISION OF INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY 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. Officers

The Officers of the Division shall be: Chair, Past Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, Past Secretary, Program Officer and Past Program Officer. The Chair-Elect shall be elected triennially. The Chair-Elect should attend the annual meeting that follows their election. **Four weeks after** ~~At the end of~~ this annual meeting, the Chair-Elect shall automatically become Chair for three years. They shall serve as Past Chair during the succeeding two years. The Secretary and the Program Officer shall be elected triennially and shall hold office for three years. The expiration date of the terms of the Chair, Secretary and the Program Officer shall be arranged so that only one of them need be elected in any one year. The officers shall assume their duties **four weeks after** ~~at the end of~~ the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the next Annual Meeting following their election.

The above officers shall constitute an Executive Committee and be responsible for the affairs of the Division.