

DIVISION OF BOTANY 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

Officers of the Division shall be Chair, Chair-Elect, Past Chair, Program Officer and Program Officer-Elect, and Secretary and Secretary-Elect. The Officers-Elect shall be elected by a plurality vote of the members conducted by a ballot prior to the annual meeting by a procedure consonant with the Bylaws of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. In the event that the election results in a tie, the outcome will be determined by a majority vote of the Divisional Executive Committee. If the votes cast by the Executive Committee result in a tie, the deciding vote will be determined by the divisional Chair. The term of office of all elected officers and appointed representative 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. In the case when a divisional office is unexpectedly vacated, the following provisions are made: If the office of Secretary, Secretary-Elect, Program Officer or Program Officer-Elect is vacated early, the Chair, in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee, will appoint an interim officer to serve until elections can be held to fill the position. If the office of Divisional Chair is vacated early, the Divisional Executive Committee, in consultation with the SICB President, will appoint someone to be the interim Chair until an election is held. If the office of Past Chair is vacated early, the position will be left open until the current Chair becomes the Past Chair.