

DIVISION OF PHYLOGENETICS AND COMPARATIVE BIOLOGY 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 III. Administrative Organization

Section 3. Elections. Election of officers shall be by mail or appropriately secure electronic ballot of the Division. The names of candidates for offices shall be published by the Division at least thirty (30) days in advance of the due date of the ballot. All officers and appointed representatives shall assume the duties of their office **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 the Chair is unexpectedly vacated without a Chair-elect in place, the Past Chair, and if unavailable the Secretary, shall assume the office of Chair. In the case when the offices of Secretary or Program Officer are unexpectedly vacated without an officer-elect in place, the current Nominating Committee will recommend to the Chair an interim officer to be appointed to serve the remainder of the term.