

PROPOSED BYLAW REVISIONS

ANNUAL MEETING 2018

Article V - Board of Trustees

CHANGES

- Eliminating the immediate past president as a member of the Trustees. This potentially obligates past presidents to several additional years of service. There are many other ways for past presidents to participate should they chose to do so.
- Make explicit the pattern of three classes of five Trustees with staggered three-year terms. This was the original design and is still implicit in the bylaws. Losing sight of this pattern has resulted in the number of positions to be filled varying from one to eight (this year)!
- Eliminating the requirement for consideration of geographical representation for selecting trustees. This language is superfluous because issues of geographic differences have not been material for Senior College business, and diversity of residence has occurred naturally.

REVISED LANGUAGE

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of fifteen (15) Senior College members elected by the membership of the Senior College. Terms shall be for three years and staggered so that five begin and five end every year. A Board member's three-year term of service shall begin immediately after the annual meeting of the Senior College at which they were elected and be completed at the end of the annual meeting three years later. An officer who resigns his or her position thereby relinquishes his or her position on the Board.

Article VII - Standing Committees, Registrar and Newsletter Editor

Section 1. **Standing Committees**

CHANGES

- Eliminate language specifying formal terms for members of standing committees. In practice, Senior College committees have operated more

informally. Committee chairs are appointed by the president and can be changed at any time.

- Eliminate language implying that all standing committees have five members in section on appointments to committees. Standing committees can be of various sizes.

REVISED LANGUAGE

- A. In the event of a vacancy on a Standing Committee, the President and/or the Standing Committee Chair may appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

Section 3. **Nominating Committee**

CHANGES

- Eliminate the immediate past president as chair of the Nominating Committee and replace with the requirement that the chair be a member of the board of trustees. 1) Not all past presidents have wanted to assume this role. 2) It potentially obligates immediate past presidents to several additional years of service.
- Require the Nominating Committee to solicit nominations to the Board of Trustees by calling for such recommendations ninety days before the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee must complete and post its work forty-five days before the annual meeting. The forty-five additional days for member (and self) recommendations gives it adequate time to consider candidates qualifications and record of service t Senior College before completing the slate

REVISED LANGUAGE

- A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Senior College, the immediate past President of the Senior College or trustee designee and three (3) additional members from the corporation/membership appointed by the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Board of Trustees.
- B. Members shall be encouraged to recommend nominees to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees to the Nominating Committee no later than ninety (90) days prior to the annual corporation/membership meeting.
- C. The Nominating Committee shall provide the Secretary/Clerk with its slate of nominees to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees no fewer than forty-five (45) days before the annual corporation/membership meeting and shall present that slate at the meeting.

Section 4. **Curriculum Committee**

CHANGES

- Simplify the language regarding the Curriculum Committee's relationship with Hutchinson Center. There is no substantive change.

REVISED LANGUAGE

- A. The Curriculum Committee shall work with the Hutchinson Center staff and Senior College volunteers to provide appropriate classrooms and be the point group for management of course operations during each college term.

Section 6. **Special Events Committee**

CHANGES

- Eliminate language regarding geographical representation on this committee. As with the composition of the board, this has not been a relevant issue and is superfluous.

REVISED LANGUAGE

- A. The Special Events Committee shall consist of no fewer than five (5) members.

Section 8. **Community Service Committee**

CHANGES

- Eliminate the Community Service Committee from the list of standing committees. This committee has been inactive for two years now despite considerable efforts to reconstitute it. In practice, it was in the past largely a one person committee that organized Senior College members to help other organizations, such as Literacy Volunteers and Waldo CAP, through whom the same volunteering can be done directly.

REVISED LANGUAGE - None

NEW SECTION 8 **Publicity Committee**

CHANGES

- Add the Publicity Committee to the list of Senior College standing committees. It serves a key function in the life of Senior College but was dormant for a time.

NEW LANGUAGE

- A. The Publicity Committee shall consist of no fewer than five (5) members.
- B. The Publicity Committee shall be responsible for promoting the Senior College within our service area through news media, publications, and community outreach

