

Constitution and Bylaws

Members Present: Donald Schaffner (Chair), Nathan Anderson, Zeb Blanton, Faith Critzer, Kathleen Glass, William Huntley, Bobby Krishna, Steven Murphy, Jenny Scott, Laura Strawn.

Board/Staff Present: Lisa Hovey.

Number of Attendees: 11.

Meeting Called to Order: Sunday, 9:02 a.m., July 16, 2023.

Minutes Recording Secretary: Don Schaffner.

Old Business: Review 2022 Board response: The committee recommends that the Executive Board discuss the status of Honorary Life Members versus Retired Members and their ability to hold Executive Board office, and if they see fit direct the Constitution and Bylaws Committee appropriately. Board response: The Board discussed the differing treatment of Honorary Life Members and Retired Members and felt the Bylaws were appropriately written.

Several Members of the committee still felt strongly that Honorary Life Members are prohibited from serving on the Board and were disappointed with the Board's response and thought that the Board should have provided a rationale for this decision.

New Business: IAFP Members who do not fit within the 3 constituencies: Some Members feel they do not belong in one of the three IAFP "buckets" of education, government, or industry.

One solution is to create a 4th category.

Committee Members felt that there are not enough IAFP Members to form a viable 4th category. After a spirited discussion, Faith Critzer made a motion to form a subcommittee to recommend changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to address this concern. The motion was seconded by Jenny Scott. The motion passed unanimously.

The following Members agreed to serve on the subcommittee: Faith Critzer, Steve Murphy, Jenny Scott, and Nate Anderson. Don Schaffner agreed to attend subcommittee meetings pending his availability. Further discussions included the importance of liaising with the Membership Committee (i.e., Leon Gorris, or designee).

Don Schaffner will also extend the invitation to serve on the subcommittee to anyone who is interested when he makes his remarks at the business meeting.

JFP EIC: Currently the Bylaws state that the Executive Board will appoint Scientific Editors for *Food Protection Trends* and the *Journal of Food Protection* to 4-year terms, renewable for two additional terms and establish appropriate compensation. The Board is asking for draft changes to the bylaws to include the Editor-in-Chief term limits.

The committee proposes that the following language be added to by-laws section 5c3: Executive Board will appoint an Editor-in-Chief for the *Journal of Food Protection* from within the ranks of Current Scientific Editors for the *Journal of Food Protection*. The Editor-in-Chief will be appointed to a 4-year term, renewable until the end of that Scientific Editor's term or 4 additional years. The appointee should have already served at least one year as Scientific Editor. The Board will establish appropriate compensation for the Editor-in-Chief.

Explanation: The intent of the committee from this recommendation is that Scientific Editors will serve a maximum of 12 years. An Editor-in-Chief could serve a maximum of 16 years (including time as a Scientific Editor and time as Editor in Chief).

The motion was made that the above language be sent to the Executive Board. The motion was made by Faith Critzer and Seconded Jenny Scott. The motion passed unanimously.

C&BL officers: With Bobby's move to Program Committee, Don is promoted to chair and a new vice-chair is needed.

Jenny Scott nominated Nate Anderson and Nate Anderson accepted the nomination. Zeb Blanton moved that Nate Anderson be named the new vice-chair. The motion was seconded by Kathy Glass and passed unanimously.

The committee recommends that the Executive Board appoint Nate Anderson as Constitution and Bylaws Committee Vice-Chair.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The committee recommends that the Executive Board review our suggestion to modify bylaws section 5c3 by adding the following text: Executive Board will appoint an Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Food Protection from within the ranks of Current Scientific Editors for the *Journal of Food Protection*. The Editor-in-Chief will be appointed to a 4-year term, renewable until the end of that Scientific Editor's term or 4 more years. The appointee should have already served at least one year as Scientific Editor. The Board will establish appropriate compensation for the Editor-in-Chief. See the explanation above for the committee's intent.

2. Committee recommends that the Executive Board appoint Nate Anderson as Constitution and Bylaws Committee Vice-Chair.

Next Meeting Date: July 14, 2024, Long Beach, California.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 a.m.

Chairperson: Bobby Krishna (outgoing), Don Schaffner (incoming).