



Unanimous agreement for proposed bylaws changes

Changes proposed to the ASWB bylaws in 2016 involved only Article VII. Board of Directors and Officers

With a unanimous vote on November 19, the 48 delegates attending ASWB's 2016 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly in San Diego, California, adopted the amendments proposed by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

In her report to the membership the day before the vote, committee chair Carla Moore of Louisiana reviewed the amendments and the rationales for the recommendations and thanked the committee for its hard work, both in conference calls and during the committee's in-person meeting in July. In addition to proposing amendments

related to Article VII. Board of Directors and Officers of ASWB's bylaws, the committee also reviewed the ASWB Policy Manual and found no inconsistencies with the current bylaws or association practice.

As prescribed by the ASWB bylaws, ASWB CEO Mary Jo Monahan sent the proposed amendments to delegates, board chairs, and administrators at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting. A conference call listening session was held on October 31 to review the proposed amendments. Hosted by committee chair Carla Moore and committee member Kristi



2016 Bylaws and Resolutions Committee members (left to right): Kristi Plotner (MS), Brian Carnahan (OH), Timothy Martel Brown (TX), Chair Carla Moore (LA), Ebony Clarke (OR), Board liaison Meenakshi Budhraj (AR), Claude Leblond (QC)

Plotner of Mississippi, the call was attended by eight jurisdictional board members and staff. A Bylaws Voting Summary document previewed the recommendations and was available electronically. A printed copy of the voting summary was provided at every table during the meeting.

The proposed changes are summarized here. The [bylaws as amended](#) are available on the ASWB website.

The 2016 bylaws amendments adopted by a 48/0 vote of the delegates are:

- A limit of four elected consecutive terms excluding the Office of President is established for individuals currently serving on or employed by their boards as long as all other eligibility criteria in the bylaws are met.
- The Office of President is the last consecutive position served on the ASWB Board of Directors regardless of when an individual is elected to this position; upon completion of the four-year term, the incumbent is ineligible for nomination or appointment to the ASWB Board for a minimum of one election cycle.
 - The positions of President-Elect, President, and Past President are combined under a single heading of “Office of President” for clarity to show that the office is one, 4-year term.
- The words “in those positions” are added at the end of the subsection related to the offices of Secretary and Treasurer (Article VII., Section 7b), to clarify that the term limits defined are for the specific offices and not to service on the ASWB Board of Directors.

More detailed information about the committee’s charges, proposed amendments, and rationales is provided in the [Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Report](#) to the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly.

