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09) Election of new officers

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Subject: 09) Election of new officers

Posted on: 16 Jan 2014 00:24:56

Message:

It is time to think about the upcoming elections for the new board.

The bylaws of the Society state:

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATION, TERM OF OFFICE, AND LIMIT ON CONSECUTIVE TERMS

Any member of ISSLR may serve as officer or member-at-large of this corporation. The term of office of officers and members-at-large shall be three (3) years and shall commence on January 1 following their election, or as soon thereafter as possible, and shall continue until their successors assume office. The President, Vice-president, and Members-at-Large shall not serve more than two terms consecutively.

We can interpret these bylaws so that persons may serve consecutive terms in different offices.

The only Member-at-Large currently serving a second term is Nikolai Aladin. He can not continue as a Member-at-Large, but he can be nominated for other offices (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Editor).

Peri Coleman is serving her 1st Member-at-Large term. As we sometimes discuss members by last name only, we do not want to confuse her with Mark Coleman who served as a Member-at-Large during the previous 3-yr term.

Thus, Peri Coleman, Egor Zadereev, Fanjing Kong, and Maria Farias can all run for another term as Member-at-Large (or for President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Editor).

I cannot serve another term as President, and having served for many years as Member-at-Large, then as Vice-President, and finally for two terms as President, I think it is time for me to step down as a member of the board. However, I am willing to be nominated for the position of Editor. Based on my discussions with Fanjing and colleagues there will be a framework for publication of papers to serve as the proceedings of the China symposium. If people are interested I can volunteer to edit the proceedings. But if the local organizers prefer to nominate a Chinese editor, that is of course perfectly OK as well, and I will still be willing to assist.

Zheng Mianping will have to step down as Vice-President. He still can be nominated for any other function on the board.

We are looking forward to further nominations to fill the vacant positions on the board after the China symposium. Remember also that we have a vacancy after Carol Litchfield passed away.

Replies:

Reply author: NikolayAladin
Replied on: 17 Jan 2014 00:30:29
Message:

Dear Prof.Dr.A.OREN and all,
I read all information and I see that my election as Member-at-Large is not possible any more. I shall wait for opinion of our members about possible nominations to me. Sorry but I could not be a President,Secretary-Treasurer and Editor. I could only try to be Vice-president, if somebody will nominate me.

Reply author: NikolayAladin
Replied on: 20 Jan 2014 22:51:13
Message:

Dear Prof.Dr.A.OREN and all,
may be I was too quick when I wrote January,17th that I could try to be Vice-president. Please do not consider this statement as my SELF NOMINATION.
I will participate in elections only if some body from our team of people will nominate me. Sorry again that I was to quick.
I simply wish to support of team of people that was made by Bill WILLIAMS many years ago.

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 23 Jan 2014 18:56:51
Message:

Dear Colleagues,

I think it is time for me to step down from the Secretary-Treasurer position. Although I have plenty of work that could be written up and published, I've retired from the university and am no longer actively engaged in ongoing research. Furthermore, my new career as a math teacher has been all consuming and left little time to attend to ISSLR matters.

As you know I strongly advocated at the Great Salt Lake conference that our best future was to fold back into SIL. They would welcome us back with open arms, allow us to continue triennial or other meetings, reduce administrative overhead, increase exposure, and offer an excellent publication forum in the new Inland Waters Journal. I still believe this to be the best course of action. Given this and my new career, I think the society would be better served by someone else, a "true-believer" in the secretary position.

Of course, it is with sadness that I offer my resignation as I have greatly enjoyed our triennial meetings and the lasting friendships formed during my involvement with the society.

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 23 Jan 2014 22:30:41
Message:

Dear Bob,
Your message did not come as a surprise to me, and the discussions whether or not we have sufficient critical mass to operate as an independent society are also not new. I had earlier posted my pessimistic - optimistic - pessimistic views on the ISSLR web site. The new optimism came during that wonderful symposium in Salt Lake City.

In China we should further discuss the option to merge with SIL. On the other hand, if we will have enthusiastic volunteers for the new board, as well as attractive bids to host the 2017 symposium, we can also continue on the current basis.

I trust you will attend the China meeting. Is that indeed the case?

Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 23 Jan 2014 22:33:16
Message:

(to Nikolay)

There is no problem with self-nominations! As long as we have enthusiastic people willing to contribute, it does not matter who nominates them. My offer to continue serving on the board as editor for the next term (but not in other functions) is also a "self-nomination".

Reply author: Egor Zadereev
Replied on: 25 Jan 2014 21:46:50
Message:

Dear All, I think we should admit that this is Dr. Jellison long-term support and efforts that keep the society alive. Dear Bob, I hope you will be in contact and around.

As the society registered in USA I think we should find the person from USA that could be a Secretary-Treasurer. Now the only board member from USA is Dr. Jellison. Dear Bob, probably you have a person in mind or suggestion who could be the good Secretary.

To run the society on the current basis we should solve three basic problems. We have to 1) find new President (well-known and at the same time enthusiastic scientists), 2) new Secretary-Treasurer and 3) finally to solve the problem with the web-site.

I am sure that we will have perfect Editor (I think Dr. Oren will be excellent editor) and Vice-President (we know both enthusiasm and activity to study and save salt lakes from Dr. Aladin).

Reply author: rjellison
Replied on: 25 Jan 2014 23:08:29
Message:

In terms of Secretary-Treasurer, I do not have a candidate in mind. All my colleagues in the US are affiliated with ASLO or SIL and promoting a small society apart from these international limnological societies is not usually appealing.

We are incorporated in CA as a non-profit and it is probably in our interest to keep this status. The \$20,000+ we have in our account is largely due to having this non-profit status and the success of the Salt Lake City meeting. I can continue to file annual state required reports and tax documents for the near future even after stepping down as secretary-treasurer. I also did not mean that I was resigning immediately, only that a new secretary-treasurer should be elected at the next election cycle.

Reply author: NikolayAladin
Replied on: 27 Jan 2014 05:38:55
Message:

Dear All,
let me say again.
Self-Nomination is not for me.
My goal is to keep Bill WILLIAMS's ideas to run in SALT LAKES SCIENCE.

Reply author: NikolayAladin
Replied on: 10 Feb 2014 02:32:34
Message:

Dear all,
tomorrow I am going to Iran and I shall be back to our Forum February, 24th on arrival back to my Lab in Zoological Institute RAS in St-Petersburg.
I could continue our discussion about elections of new officers only at the end of February

Reply author: Egor Zadereev
Replied on: 18 Mar 2014 03:32:53
Message:

Dear All,

As Dr. Oren expects nominations for new board members I used the simple approach. I used the Web of Science to search for most active scientists in last ten years (2004-2014) in either "salinity and lake" or "salt lake or saline lake" searches. The list of those is below. This is not nomination but probably somebody of you know people from the list. We can consider these people as potential board members (I think it is important to attract some new and active in science people). Feel free to comment on the list. I wonder what is the appropriate way to contact somebody if we decide that he/she is a good candidate.

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Reply author: pcoleman
Replied on: 18 Mar 2014 04:25:11
Message:

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Reply author: aoren
Replied on: 18 Mar 2014 11:16:43
Message:

This list of potential candidates to join the board shows how poorly we are performing as a society as none of these have ever attended one of our congresses. From this list I know Dimitry Sorokin and Antonio Ventosa very well. Dimitry, maybe the greatest workoholic I know, will sure consider this a waste of time; he is extremely selective in attending meetings as he can write one or two more papers instead if he spends that week in his lab in Moscow or in Delft. Antonio does have a strong connection to salt lakes, both in Spain (salterns) and in Iran (collaboration with Mohammad Amoozegar in Teheran), and in the past in China and Tibet as well (collaboration with Yanhe Ma in Beijing). And he likes to travel. I will see him in the end of July in Montreal,

Canada, but that is after our China meeting. I cannot guess whether Antonio may be interested in our society.

Reply author: ehbucher

Replied on: 24 Mar 2014 11:39:27

Message:

Dear all

I regret to inform that, because of new academic activities, I am no longer in condition of further involvement with ISSLR activities. It was a great pleasure for me to collaborate with ISSLR by organizing the 2011 Mar Chiquita event, and I wish you a very successful meeting in China.

Please remember that we remain willing and happy to offer our Mar Chiquita site facilities to all of those interested in visiting Argentina.

With best regards

Enrique H. Bucher

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 24 Mar 2014 21:16:16

Message:

Dear Enrique,

Does your message mean that you resign from the board with immediate effect or that you do not wish to continue serving as a board member after the upcoming board elections?

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 27 Jul 2014 00:34:21

Message:

Nominations for new officers have been made at the members' meeting in Beijing; electronic elections will be necessary and I trust that Bob Jellison will make the necessary arrangements soon.

I will now lock this topic.

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