



The following is a brief summary of Region VII By-laws revisions. These revisions are subject to membership vote at Region VII Conference on May 20, 2008. The revisions were made to better align with National By-laws.

1. General revisions:
 - a. Reorganized the sections of the By-laws to follow the same order as the National By-laws. This resulted in portions of sections being struck, but retained in other sections.
 - b. Revised Article titles and order to align with National By-laws.
 - i. Article II from Meetings of membership to Membership.
 - ii. Article III from Directors to Board Officers and Directors (consolidating Article III and V).
 - iii. Article IV from Committees of directors to Committees.
 - iv. Article V removed Officers (this Article was consolidated with Article III).
 - v. Article VI from Miscellaneous provisions to Miscellaneous.
 - vi. Article VII removed Policies (this Article was consolidated with Article VI).
 - c. Grammatical changes throughout the document.
2. Table of contents – revised commensurate with changes to Article titles and related pages.
3. Article II - Membership
 - a. Membership: included the Board's right to deny or terminate membership to entities that do not further the best interests of the Association.
4. Article III – Board Officers and Directors
 - a. Officers: removed the opportunity for any one officer to hold more than one office.
 - b. Duties of the Secretary / Historian: expanded the role to include Historian responsibilities, timely distribution of records, and use of the corporate seal on official documents.
 - c. Removal and Vacancies of Officers and Directors: identified separate processes for removal of officers and directors by the membership and by the board of directors.
5. Article IV - Meetings
 - a. General: consolidated the meetings of the membership and the Board into one article.
 - b. Annual meeting notification: mandate notification of the annual meeting of the membership to be at least 12 months in advance.
 - c. Meeting organization and order of business: included use of Robert's Rules of Order for general guidance and meeting conduct.
6. Article V – Committees
 - a. Nominating Committee: changed one committee duty from "recommend" to "review and submit" names of eligible nominees to the Board for Board elections and appointments.
 - b. Committee meetings; miscellaneous: removed, due to redundancy, the provisions of the By-laws governing meetings, action without meetings, notice and waiver of notice, and quorum and voting requirements of the Board and their application to Committees and their members.
7. Article VI – Miscellaneous
 - a. Corporate seal: added the description of the corporate seal.