

NASIG BYLAWS CHANGES (2003 TO PRESENT)

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| 2018 rev | (Revisions to Article III. Section 1, Article V. Section 4, Article VI. Section 3, and Article 8. These revisions reflect current organizational practice and committee name changes and correct inconsistencies and typos.) |
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2021

Article V. Executive Board.

Section 4. Terms of Office.

Previous Text:

The terms of Board officers are detailed in Article IV, Section 4. Members-at-Large serve for two years, with half of the members rotating off each year in order to have staggered terms. Members-at-Large shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in office without an intervening period of two years. Terms of office for the Executive Board shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

Amended Text:

The terms of Board officers are detailed in Article IV, Section 4. Members-at-Large serve for three years, with two of the members rotating off each year in order to have staggered terms. Members-at-Large shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in office without an intervening period of three years. Terms of office for the Executive Board shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

Article VIII. Meetings and Voting.

Previous Text:

An annual business meeting shall be called by the Executive Board, to be held at the site of, and in conjunction with, the Annual Conference. Other meetings, either virtual or in person, may be called by the Executive Board as deemed necessary. Notice of meetings shall be distributed to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the meeting and shall include notice of business to be transacted.

Voting may be conducted by either a physical or online ballot. To pass, physical ballots require a two-thirds majority of those present and online ballots require a two-thirds majority of the members voting. If the ballot includes an amendment to the Bylaws, it will adhere to the guidelines set out in Article XII.

Amended Text:

An annual business meeting shall be called by the Executive Board, to be held at the site of, and in conjunction with, the Annual Conference, whether in person, virtual, or hybrid. Notice of business meetings shall be distributed to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the meeting and shall include notice of business to be transacted. Notice shall also be distributed to the membership as soon as practical in the event the Annual Conference and/or business meeting must be cancelled.

Other meetings, either virtual or in person, may be called by the Executive Board as deemed necessary.

Voting may be conducted by either a physical or online ballot. To pass, ballots require a two-thirds majority of those members voting. If the ballot includes an amendment to the Bylaws, it will adhere to the guidelines set out in Article XII.

2018

These revisions were fairly involved and included edits to reflect current organizational practice, correct inconsistencies and typos, and to add a petition process. Changes are outlined in detail [in this .pdf](#), a copy of which has also been deposited with the Archivist.

2016 rev 2

Article VI. Committees.

Section 3. Terms of Office.

Previous Text:

Members of standing committees, except the Nominating Committee and new standing committees, shall be appointed for terms of two years unless appointed by special action of the Board, and may be reappointed for a second term. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed for terms of one year. Nominating Committee members can be reappointed for a second one year term provided that at least 50 percent of the

committee consists of new members. In no case shall a member serve on a committee for more than two consecutive terms without an intervening period of two years.

Amended Text:

Members of standing committees, except the Nominating Committee and the Standards Committee, shall be appointed for terms of two years unless appointed by special action of the Board, and may be reappointed for a second term.

Members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed for terms of one year. Nominating Committee members can be reappointed for a second one year term provided that at least 50 percent of the committee consists of new members. In no case shall a member serve on a committee for more than two consecutive terms without an intervening period of two years.

Members of the Standards Committee shall be appointed for terms of five years. In no case shall a member serve on the Standards committee for more than two consecutive terms without an intervening period of two years.

When establishing a new committee, half of the members shall be appointed for a one year term and half for a two year term in order to have staggered terms thereafter. After the first year, all terms will be for two years or the length specified in the Bylaws.

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2016 rev 1

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2014

The following proposal was presented to the NASIG membership in November 2014, was accepted and went into effect February 2015.

PROPOSAL: CHANGE THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION (Submitted by the Executive Board)

Article I. Name.

Previous text:

The name of this group shall be the North American Serials Interest Group, Inc. (NASIG).

Amended text:

The name of this group shall be NASIG, Inc.

2010

The following proposal was presented to the NASIG membership in January 2010, was accepted and went into effect February 2010.

PROPOSAL: CREATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Article III. Membership.

Section 1. Membership rights and responsibilities.

Previous text:

Active membership shall consist of individuals who remit dues, and shall carry with it the right to vote, to hold office, and to share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG. Corresponding membership shall consist of individuals who are representatives of peer professional organizations, and shall carry with it the right to attend meetings and share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG. Corresponding membership does not include the right to vote or hold office.

Amended text:

Active membership shall consist of individual members or organizational members who remit dues, and shall carry with it the right to vote, to hold office, and to share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG. Organizations receive three memberships and three registrations to the current year's conference, to be used by individuals in the organization, as well as the right to purchase a Vendor Exhibit table at a discounted price. Each of the three individuals within the member organization is a full member of NASIG with all rights and privileges. The organization itself is not a member and cannot vote or otherwise function in NASIG as a collective entity. Corresponding membership shall consist of individuals who are representatives of peer professional organizations, and shall carry with it the right to attend meetings and share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG. Corresponding membership does not include the right to vote or hold office.

2009

The following proposal was presented to the NASIG membership in November 2009, was accepted and went into effect in December 2009.

PROPOSAL: CHANGE IN THE LENGTH OF VOTING PERIOD

Article VII. Elections and Nominations.

Section 1. Elections.

Previous text:

The committee responsible for nominations and elections shall submit an election calendar for the upcoming election cycle to the Executive Board no later than sixty days after the Annual Conference. The election calendar shall state the steps and deadlines for nomination to eligible offices and officers, and members-at-large of the Executive Board, of announcements for the pending and final slate of candidates, for receiving nominations by petition, and for execution of the ballot for said election cycle. The Executive Board shall approve the calendar and report it to the membership within fifteen days after submission.

The election calendar deadlines shall be set to accommodate the following time requirements:

0. Ballots for an election shall be distributed at least sixty days prior to the Annual Conference and completed ballots shall be accepted for thirty days after distribution.

Amended text:

The election calendar deadlines shall be set to accommodate the following time requirements:

0. Ballots for an election shall be distributed at least sixty days prior to the Annual Conference and completed ballots shall be accepted for ten working days after distribution.

2004

Three proposals were presented to the NASIG membership in Feb. 2004; all three proposals were accepted and went into effect March 2004:

PROPOSAL 1: ADDITION OF MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES SECTION

Article III. Membership.

Section 1. Membership and rights.

Previous text:

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Members shall act in accordance with the stated purposes and policies of NASIG and abstain from actions tending to injure the good name of the organization, disturb its well-being, or hamper its work. In cases where infractions occur, the Executive Board may take action as necessary.

PROPOSAL 2: CHANGES IN NOMINATIONS PROCEDURES

Article VII. Nominations and Elections.

Section 1. Nominations.

Previous text:

The Nominating Committee shall present candidates for the positions of vice president/president elect, secretary, treasurer, and Executive Board members-at-large when required. Other nominations for these offices, endorsed by at least ten active members of NASIG, may be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee. Any such nominations shall be included on the official ballot. The Committee shall endeavor to present at least two candidates for each office to be filled, and shall also provide on the ballot a space for write-in candidates for each office to be filled. Candidates shall be selected in such a manner as to insure as broad a representation as possible of NASIG constituencies and of the geographic distribution of membership. The Nominating Committee chairperson shall report nominations to the NASIG President at least ninety days prior to the Annual Conference.

Amended text:

Nominations may be made by committee, by petition, or by write-in.

The Nominations & Elections Committee shall present candidates for the position of vice president/president elect, secretary, treasurer, and Executive Board members-at-large when required. The Committee shall endeavor to present at least two candidates for each office to be filled. Candidates shall be selected in such a manner as to insure as broad a representation as possible of NASIG constituencies and of the geographic distribution of membership. A notification of the pending slate of candidates shall be sent to the general membership no later than January 15, along with a request for any nominations by petition.

Nominations by Petition: Nominations may be made for any open position on the Executive Board by a petition. Such petitions shall include endorsements by at least 10 active members of NASIG as well as the written acceptance of the candidate, and must be submitted in writing or by email to the Nominations & Elections Committee by February 1, after the initial notification of the slate of candidates. Any nominations which meet the petition requirements shall be included on the official ballot.

Write-in Candidates: Space shall be provided on the ballot for write-in candidates for each office to be filled.

PROPOSAL 3: SECRETARY AND TREASURER TERMS

Article IV. Executive Officers.

Section 4. Terms of Office.

Previous text:

The vice president/president elect shall serve the first year after election as vice president, and the second year after election as president, and the third year after election as immediate past president. All other executive officers of NASIG shall be elected for a term of two years. With the exception of the vice president/president elect, all executive officers shall be eligible for re-election, but shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in office without an intervening period of two years. Terms of office for all executive board members shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

Amended text:

The vice president/president elect shall serve the first year after election as vice president, and the second year after election as president, and the third year after election as immediate past president. The treasurer shall be elected during the second year of the sitting treasurer's term, and shall serve for a period of one year as exofficio "treasurer in training." The newly elected treasurer would then serve one three-year term on the Board following the ex-officio period. The secretary shall be elected for a term of three years. The vice president/president elect, the treasurer, and the secretary shall not be eligible for re-election to a second term in the same office without an intervening period of two years. Terms of office for all executive board members shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

2003

Two proposals were presented to the NASIG membership in Mar. 2003; both proposals were accepted and went into effect April 2003:

PROPOSAL 1: CREATION OF CORRESPONDING MEMBER CATEGORY

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Membership and Rights.

Previous text:

Active membership shall consist of individuals who remit dues, and shall carry with it the right to vote, to hold office, and to share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG.

Amended text:

Active membership shall consist of individuals who remit dues, and shall carry with it the right to vote, to hold office, and to share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG. Corresponding membership shall consist of individuals who are representatives of peer professional organizations, and shall carry with it the right to attend meetings and share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG. Corresponding membership does not include the right to vote or hold office.

Article III. Membership.

Section 2. Dues and Fiscal Year.

Previous text:

Dues, which shall cover a fiscal year of January 1 through December 31, shall be remitted to NASIG annually by individuals desiring membership. Proposals for changes in dues shall originate with the Executive Board and shall be voted upon by the membership by a mail ballot. A two thirds majority of those voting shall constitute a decision.

Amended text:

Dues, which shall cover a fiscal year of January 1 through December 31, shall be remitted to NASIG annually by individuals desiring active membership. Proposals for changes in dues shall originate with the Executive Board and shall be voted upon by the membership by a mail ballot. A two thirds majority of those voting shall constitute a decision. Corresponding membership shall be complimentary.

Article IV. Executive Officers.

Section 2. Eligibility.

Previous text:

Any member of NASIG shall be eligible for election to an executive office, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

Amended text:

Any active member of NASIG shall be eligible for election to an executive office, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

Article V. Executive Board.

Section 2. Eligibility

Previous text:

Any member of NASIG shall be eligible for election to the Executive Board, except as otherwise indicated in these Bylaws.

Amended text:

Any active member of NASIG shall be eligible for election to the Executive Board, except as otherwise indicated in these Bylaws.

Article VI. Committees.
Section 1. Composition

Previous text:

Any member of NASIG shall be eligible to serve on committees. The President of NASIG shall serve as an exofficio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Amended text:

Any active member of NASIG shall be eligible to serve on committees. The President of NASIG shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

PROPOSAL 2: CHANGE METHOD OF NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

Article XII. Bylaws.
Section 1 Amendments.

Previous text:

Proposed amendments may be submitted in writing to the Bylaws Committee, or may be presented at any meeting of the membership. Proposed amendments shall be mailed by the Bylaws Committee to each member at least thirty days prior to the call for vote. Voting shall be by mail ballot. Adoption shall be by two-thirds majority of those voting. An amendment shall become effective after adoption, unless otherwise stated.

Amended text:

Proposed amendments may be submitted in writing to the Bylaws Committee, or may be presented at any meeting of the membership. Proposed amendments shall be distributed to the membership by the Bylaws Committee at least thirty days prior to the call for vote. Voting shall be by mail ballot. Adoption shall be by two thirds majority of those voting. An amendment shall become effective after adoption, unless otherwise stated.