

Changes to the By-Laws to be adopted at the November 17th, 2019 SAAZ General Member Meeting

- Several words that were not used correctly are now corrected.

Explanation: This is for grammar corrections.

- In Article IV the Section numbers were out of order and have been corrected.

No explanation required.

- Article V, Section 1, part A has been changed to the following:

- A. The Board for the following year (starting 2020 for year 2021) shall be elected at the November meeting each year by SAAZ membership. Membership in SAAZ is required to serve as a board member and to vote in the election.

Explanation: By moving the election up a month to November, December can be used for transition and the thought is there might be more members in attendance at the November meeting.

- Article V, Section 1, part B has been changed to the following:

- A. Nominations for officers will be made starting the first of September at a meeting or by notification to the Secretary, and carry through the November meeting. Consent of the nominee must be obtained. The Secretary will confirm consent from the member/nominee.

Explanation: Because the election is moved to the November meeting, the opening of nominations have been moved from October to September 1st. Took "from the floor" out and added to just notify the Secretary or at a meeting. Also added the Secretary will make sure the member nominated is accepting.

- Article VI, Section 1, in the introductory paragraph the CSAAZ Competition Coordinator/Ambassador title has been changed to SAAZ Ambassador.

Explanation: After last year it was determined the load on the CSAAZ Coordinator/Ambassador officer needed to be shifted. The board determined it would be in the best interest of the organization that the CSAAZ Coordinator position be an appointed position and on the competition committee under the Vice-President. The SAAZ Ambassador is a goodwill and sponsor acquiring position that will remain on the board and report to the President. This change corrects the title in the introductory paragraph.

- Article VI, Section 2, in the introductory paragraph the last sentence now reads: The officers of the board shall be elected in November with the election managed by the Secretary. Election shall be by ballot in person or by mail/email. Mail/email ballots will be verified with the member by the Secretary. Ballots are to be counted at the November meeting, a majority of those members voting shall elect. The December meeting of the board, after the election, will be used for the beginning of transition for new officers who should be in attendance. The Officers shall assume office January 1 of the next year.

Explanation: The introductory paragraph is changed here to reflect the change in dates for the election. It delegates that the Secretary manages the election, that ballots can be cast in person or by mail or email (with verification). This is where the statement of the use of essentially December for transition and especially the meeting in hopes new officers will understand the flow. There is change in the last sentence from "each year" to "the next year".

- Article VI, Sections 3 (Vacancies) is now Section 4, and Section 4 (Election Ties) is now Section 3.

Explanation: Section 4 – Election Ties should follow Section 2 – Election. Sections 3 & 4 were swapped to accomplish this.

- In Article VII, Section 6, previous parts C, D and E have been deleted and new part C added.

Explanation: After reviewing the use of the library with only one book checked out by a board member over the last year, it was voted to disband the library and use it for raffle items. The deletion of these parts from the Education Coordinator/Historian simply brings the By-Laws in line. The new Part C was added to specify retention of a pictorial history as part of the club history.

- Article VII, Section 4, added to part d.: and supervise the election.

Explanation: This addition just emphasizes that the secretary runs the election.

- Article VII, Section 8 has been replaced with the following:

SECTION 8. SAAZ AMBASSADOR

- A. Shall report directly to the President.
- B. Will be a focal point for information about the organization to local communities and possible sponsors.
- C. Shall be responsible for obtaining sponsor donations for the Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Homebrew Blastoff" competition (CSAAZ) and any other events.

Explanation: This is a replacement of the previous Section 8 for CSAAZ Coordinator/Ambassador position to just the SAAZ Ambassador with the appropriate parts.

- Article VIII was given appropriate Section titles.

No explanation required.

- Article IX had the list of specific standing committees removed.

Explanation: SAAZ has been operating without specific standing committees and so a defined list was not considered necessary, especially since the bylaws allow the Board to establish whatever standing committees they feel are needed.

- Article X, Section 1 had a sentence added.

The monthly meeting of the general membership shall be held on the third Sunday of each month unless a majority vote of the Board of Directors causes a change. **An official SAAZ social event or activity to which all members are invited may serve as a monthly meeting.**

Explanation: SAAZ treats some official club social events and activities as the monthly member meeting. This sentence clarifies this practice.