**Health Science Librarians of Illinois**

Summer Board Meeting

June 23, 2025

**Bylaws Committee Report**

6/9/2025

**Call for biennial review**

During the HSLI Annual Business Meeting in October 2024, an announcement was shared about the upcoming biennial review of the HSLI Bylaws by the membership. On October 31st, a call for input and feedback on the current HSLI Bylaws (rev. 2022) was distributed to the membership. During the feedback period of November 1st-22nd, three members provided input on the Bylaws.

**Call for Bylaws Committee volunteers**

In February 2025, a call for Bylaws Committee volunteers was sent out to the membership. Frances Drone-Silvers indicated her interest in being part of the Bylaws Committee by the February 24th response deadline. In April 2025, The Bylaws Committee reviewed the input received, incorporating our own feedback, and developed a ‘track changes’ document of all comments and proposed revisions.

**Proposed revisions**

As part of the Summer 2025 HSLI Board Meeting, the Bylaws Committee is submitting for consideration two versions of the proposed bylaws revisions: The first version shows all the comments, as well as additional and deletions, as a MS Word ‘track changes’ document. The second version shows the resulting change in red font. (Special thanks to Carmen Howard for creating this copy.)

**For discussion at the Summer Board Meeting**

From the feedback, two discussion points were raised for Board consideration:

* The wording for Article III, Section 4.C – Is the phrase “pay reasonable compensation for services rendered” sufficient for the acknowledging that HSLI will pay our incurred expenses (accountant, audits, etc.)?
* Regarding Article IV, Section 1.C (elected officers/terms of office) – The question was raised would individuals who are successful in the position of Secretary or Treasurer and reach the term limit, be able to run again at some future point?

**Steps toward full membership vote on amendments**

* The HSLI Board is to discuss the proposed bylaws revisions (amendments) and take a vote. A majority vote is needed before the proposed amendments are submitted, in writing, to the full membership.
* The membership is to have a 30-day period for comments prior to a full membership vote (electronic voting acceptable). A simple majority vote is required for bylaws amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lauseng, Bylaws Committee Chair