

HSLI Bylaws Committee Report

Fall Board Meeting - November 4, 2025

Biennial Review of Bylaws – 2024-2025

Timeline

October 2024: During HSLI Annual Business Meeting an announcement was shared about the biennial Bylaws review of the current HSLI Bylaws (rev. 2022). By October 31 the call for feedback was distributed to membership, with deadline of November 22, 2024. Three HSLI members provided feedback.

February 2025: Frances Drone-Silvers volunteered to serve on the Bylaws Committee

April 2025: The feedback received from the membership, along with input from Bylaws Committee members, was incorporated into a draft 'track changes' document with all comments and proposed revisions.

June 2025: During the Summer HSLI Board Meeting (June 23), the proposed bylaws revisions were reviewed, and suggestions for a few additions for clarification were provided. The Board voted to accept the proposed revisions, including the few clarification additions, and approved moving forward with the distribution of the proposed revisions to the membership at least 30 days in advance of the Fall HSLI Business Meeting.

30-Day Membership Comment Period

October 2025: Suggested additions from the HSLI Board were incorporated into the proposed HSLI Bylaws revisions and reviewed by the HSLI Chair, Betsy Sterner. A final PDF copy, with edits and additions noted in red text, was prepared for distribution.

October 8, 2025: The proposed HSLI Bylaws amendments were distributed to the HSLI membership (as an email attachment and as a public link to personal Box account) as part of the 30-day comment period required in the Bylaws.

- Members were directed to contact Bylaws Committee members directly (emails provided) by November 10, 2025, with any comments.
- Members were also informed that a vote on the proposed amendments would take place during Annual HSLI Business Meeting scheduled for November 13, 2025.

Next Steps

November 13, 2025: During the HSLI Business Meeting, any feedback received will be shared. If there are no further edits or only minor edits, the Bylaws Committee Chair will ask for that one vote be taken on all the proposed amendments (versus voting on each amendment individually) and the call for the vote via Qualtrics. (Note: if the membership decides to vote amendment by amendment, multiple votes will be taken.) Should there be major proposed changes made during the 30-day comment period, then the Bylaws Committee will work through a new cycle of proposed revisions for a membership vote in 2026.

This report is informational only, no action is required by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lauseng, Bylaws Committee Chair