

NEWS FROM THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF GROUP PROJECT OR ACTIVITIES – POSTED JUNE 2025

SUMMARY OF GROUP MEETINGS

Date	Action Items from Meeting
	No in person or zoom meetings as there was no new agenda to discuss.
March 28, 2025	Brief email discussion with board liaison to check for any updates or agenda items.

COMMITTEE BENCHMARKS

2024 Committee Benchmarks Status Report

- Amend Bylaws to encourage international membership.**
After discussion with the committee members the matter was forwarded to the board for consideration.
- Creation of tiers for international membership regarding participation in SCA.**
After discussion with the committee members the matter was forwarded to the board for consideration.
- Discussion regarding early career board member term**
The term change has been approved by the board and bylaws have been addended to reflect the change.
- Discussion regarding Succession planning.**
Awaiting the board's recommendations.

SUMMARY OF GROUP PROJECT OR ACTIVITIES – POSTED DECEMBER 2024

SUMMARY OF GROUP MEETINGS

Date	Action Items from Meeting
Saturday, April 27 th 2024	In -person meeting. Summary of Discussion: -The Committee discussed various options to increase the international SCA membership. - Discussed Creation of tiers to boost international membership participation in SCA. - Discussed Early carrier board member term and potential of restricting the term limit.
Monday, August 16 th 2024	Zoom meeting with Veritas leadership and committee Liaison Summary of Discussion: - Discussed the modification in the bylaws for proposed changes to restrict the early carrier board member term. - Discussed the modification in the bylaws for proposed changes to permit any elected member to run for another elected position without resigning from the held position. - Proposed changes were shared with the committee members via email.

POSTED JUNE 2024

Summary of Meeting 1:

- Date: Wednesday, January 24th, 1pm EST (ZOOM meeting)
- Summary of Discussion:
-The Committee discussed various options to encourage international participation in SCA

Summary of Meeting 2:

- Date: Tuesday, March 5th, 11am EST (ZOOM meeting)
- Summary of Discussion:
 - The Committee discussed various options to increase the international SCA membership.
 - Discussed Creation of tiers to boost international membership participation in SCA.
 - Discussed Early carrier board member term and benefits of each term, potential stacking of terms, limitations.
 - Discussed Succession planning.

POSTED NOVEMBER 2023**Summary of Group Meeting 1: Sunday, May 7th, 11:00 PST**

- The committee discussed about approach to bylaws violations when recognized by the committee and role of board liaison, when necessary, as an intermediary with the Board/EC.
- Succession planning for the Bylaws Committee was discussed.
- There committee discussed about the Bylaws requirement of “one member of the BOD reside in the country of Canada”.

COLLABORATION

- The Bylaws Committee collaborated with the Veritas team to coordinate the member notification of the vote to ratify the proposed medical student membership in the SCA amendment.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Regular Semiannual Review of the Bylaws by the Committee.
- Interpretation of Bylaws, drafting of amendments as need.
- The committee will further discuss about “one member of the BOD reside in the country of Canada”. Will discuss about both expanding this concept to other underrepresented groups, and to eliminate this requirement for providing an undue advantage to one specific country.
- The committee will request input from the Board of Directors regarding selection of a vice chair for the committee.

POSTED JUNE 2023**Summary of Group Meeting 1: Tuesday, January 10th, 1pm EST**

- Dr. Asha Singh was announced as the new Bylaws Committee Chair, effective May 2023
- The Committee reviewed, revised and approved a drafted amendment to the bylaws that allows for a medical student category of membership in the SCA.
- This amendment was provided to the Board of Directors ahead of the 2023 Winter Board Meeting.

COLLABORATION

- The Committee collaborated with the Executive Committee regarding the creation of the amendment to allow medical student membership in the SCA.
- The Bylaws Committee will collaborate with the Veritas team to coordinate the member notification of the vote to ratify the proposed amendment.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Regular Semiannual Review of the Bylaws by the Committee
- Interpretation of Bylaws, drafting of amendments as need

- The Bylaws Committee will be represented at the SCA Annual Meeting with a lecture “Enacting Change Within Cardiovascular Anesthesiology Through Bylaws And Beyond: What Has Been Done And What More Can Be Done In The SCA?” Included in this talk will be specific recommendations of what more can be done to improve DEI. The Bylaws Committee will review feedback from this lecture and considering future projects.

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Requests for Board of Directors Approval:

- Action / Request 1: The Bylaws Committee recommend amending the Bylaws to allow for (and no longer explicitly prohibit) Committee Co-Chairs.
- Action / Request 2: The Bylaws Committee recommends the Bylaws be posted on the SCA website to improve compliance and transparency.

Summary of Group Meeting 1: Wednesday, July 20th, 4pm EST

- The Committee recommends a Bylaws amendment to allow for Committee Co-Chairs.
- The Committee recommends the Bylaws be posted on the SCA website to improve compliance and transparency.
- The Code of Conduct, prepared jointly with the Ethics Committee, was finalized before presentation to the Board for the August meeting.

COLLABORATION

- At the request of the Executive Committee, our Committee collaborated with the Ethics Committee to create a code of conduct for the Society’s Annual Meeting.
- The Bylaws Committee reviewed and discussed the Statement of Inclusion, which was previously submitted to the Board by WICTA

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Regular Semiannual Review of the Bylaws by the Committee
- Interpretation of Bylaws, drafting of amendments as needed

POSTED JUNE 2022

Summary of Group Meeting 1:

- Our work was conducted remotely over the past 6 months, as we agreed to decline our ASA meeting time because we had no active business at the time.
- Over email, we finalized preparations for the Bylaws vote of the membership, included drafting of our cover letter and accompanying survey
- We were asked to comment on our interpretation Bylaws 7.8.3 regarding term limits for Committee Chairs.
- Our Committee discussed a submission to the Scientific Program Committee for consideration for the 2023 Annual Meeting

COLLABORATION

- Our Committee discussed a submission to the Scientific Program Committee for consideration for the 2023 Annual Meeting. This was a joint submission with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and outlines the ways the Bylaws Committee has increased DEI efforts in the past, as well as other initiatives for future consideration.
- Bylaws Chair served on LOS Task Force, and will report back to Bylaws Committees with any future work based to be considered based on Task Force recommendations

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Regular Semiannual Review of the Bylaws by the Committee
- Future Bylaws to Consider:
 - Changing Name of ACTA and International Committee to “Council” as these societal groups do not follow rules outlined for Committees in Bylaws. Alternatively, we can consider maintaining the names, but writing exceptions for these Committees into the Bylaws. Will pursue after final meetings with LOS Presidential Task Force and discuss at our scheduled 5/14 meeting
 - Consider how if at all to amend the Bylaws following the Ethics Committee’s motion, which was approved by the BOD:
“4. Special Interests Groups (SIGs) or any collective of members can advocate for candidates, however this must be done without the use of SCA resources.
Motion APPROVED as listed above.”

POSTED OCTOBER 2021

Summary of Group Meeting 1: November 18, 2021

Committee members reviewed “Phase 2” work, which included items for consideration that may require Bylaws change. These items originated during the most recent overhaul of the Bylaws which resulted in 4 new amendments. These “Phase 2” items for consideration were previously considered low priority for the Society.

Summary of Group Meeting 2: March 16, 2021

Before the meeting, Committee members were provided a copy of the LOS Task force summary document, which included items for consideration that may require Bylaws changes. Each committee member provided the chair their comments. During this meeting, a consensus opinion was agreed upon, which resulted in the Bylaws Committee recommendations for action. Additionally, the Committee reviewed several other items that had been given to the committee to review, which included the utility of a nominating slate, member voting rights, SCA status of committee members and conversion of a founding officer successor board position to an at-large board position.

COLLABORATION

Dr. Neuburger represented the Bylaws Committee on the LOS Task Force. The Bylaws Committee communicated extensively with Dr. Mitnacht of the International Committee to figure out how best to meet the needs of his group.

FUTURE PROJECTS

The Bylaws has recommended amendments to the Bylaws, and await approval from the Board of Directors before proceeding. The Bylaws Committee recognizes that at present, Special Interest Groups operate outside of the Bylaws rules governing Committees. The Bylaws Committee will discuss what, if any, guidance for these entities should be included in the Bylaws. Items to consider should include the process of naming leadership succession and the ability to independently advocate or provide endorsement without approval by the BOD.

POSTED JUNE 2021

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