

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SSSA CONSTITUTION, NOVEMBER 2011
TO BE VOTED ON AT THE 2012 SSSA BUSINESS MEETING

The proposed changes are to Articles VII and VIII. They have three purposes. (1) As the Association has moved away from an “Executive Director” model of leadership, they delete references to the post. (2) The differences between protocol for appointment of the journal Editor and other leadership positions are clarified. Likewise, statements on the make-up of the Executive Committee are made mutually consistent. (3) The appointed position of Chair of the Site Policy Committee, long integral to the Association, is added to the membership of the Executive Committee.

LIST OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Changes to Article VII: Officers

Article VII, Section 1: Delete “and Executive Director from the list of officers and add “Chair of the Site Policy Committee and the two immediate SSSA Past Presidents of the Association.”

Article VII, Section 3: Append the sentence, “They shall serve terms as specified in the Bylaws.”

Article VII, Section 3, subsection d: Delete “Editor, *Social Science Quarterly*,” and insert “Chair of the Site Policy Committee.”

Article VII, Section 4: Delete the sentence referring to appointment of the Executive Director and insert “The *Social Science Quarterly* Editor shall be elected by the Southwestern Social Science Council, after hearing the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and shall serve for a term specified in the Bylaws.”

Article VII, Section 5: <delete entirely – information is now included in Article VII, section 3>

Changes to Article VIII. Executive Committee and Southwestern Social Science Council

Article VIII, Section 1: To the list of members of the Executive Committee, insert “*Social Science Quarterly*” before the word “Editor,” and add “Chair of the Site Policy Committee.”

VISUAL PRESENTATION OF CHANGES

SECTIONS BEING CHANGED HAVE A **GRAY BACKGROUND** . DELETED MATERIAL IS ~~STRUCK THROUGH~~. ADDED MATERIAL IS WRITTEN IN **GREEN FONT**.

Article VII. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, *Social Science Quarterly* Editor, General Program Director, ~~and Executive Director~~ *Chair of the Site Policy Committee, and the two immediate past Presidents of the Association.*

Section 2. The President, President-Elect, and Vice President of the Association shall be elected by a majority of those members in attendance at the Association's annual business meeting. The President-Elect after serving one term as President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President. The Vice President after serving one term as Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office of President-Elect. The term of service for each separate office of President, President-Elect and Vice President is one year.

Section 3. The following officers shall be elected annually or re-elected annually and by each individual office separately by the Southwestern Social Science Council. *They shall serve terms as specified in the Bylaws.*

- a. General Program Director
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer
- d. ~~Editor, *Social Science Quarterly*~~ *Chair of the Site Policy Committee*

Section 4. ~~The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Southwestern Social Science Council, after it hears the recommendation of the Executive Committee.~~ *The *Social Science Quarterly* Editor shall be elected by the Southwestern Social Science Council, after hearing the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and shall serve for a term specified in the Bylaws.*

Section 5. ~~Each officer named in Section 3 above shall serve terms as specified in the Bylaws.~~

Article VIII. Executive Committee and Southwestern Social Science Council

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, General Program Director, *Social Science Quarterly* Editor, *Chair of the Site Policy Committee*, and the two immediate past Presidents of the Association.