



### III **Membership Secretary's Report:** Sam Blancato

#### A. Report On Progress Of Data Base

The Membership Data Base is as finished as it can be with the incomplete information provided us by the previous administration. A lot of entries have no dates reflecting when Members joined and when their memberships are due for renewal. We are in the process of doling out Member phone lists to the Board so they can call individual members and update their information, thereby making the database even more complete.

#### B Regarding The Location Of Future Membership Meetings

Some Members feel the Membership Meetings are being held in locations that are not easily accessible to many members. People would like to see General Meetings take place in more varied locations. Sam has run a report reflecting the cities and zip codes of all members so as to ascertain where the majority of the Society's members reside. That data will be analyzed by the Board at it's next meeting, and a decision will be made on how to best accommodate all members location needs.

### IV **Secretary's Report** - Proposed Amendments To Bylaws: Annie Sutton -

(This is the proposal to amend the Bylaws as submitted to all Members present at the April 22, 2007 Membership Meeting.)

#### A. Article 5 - Approve Email For Notices

Reason for Change: Sending meeting notices by Email will save money on paper and postage, as well as provide for a more timely, contemporary method of delivery.

1. Article 5, as it now stands, establishes a protocol for notifying Members in the case of a Special Meeting but lacks a protocol for notifying Members of regular monthly Membership Meetings. The proposed change would delete the protocol for notifying Members of Special Meetings from Article 5, §5.2, and create a new Section under Article 5 that would establish a protocol for notifying Members of ALL meetings, not Special Meetings only, and would include Email as an acceptable form of notification.

Current Article 5, §5.2: "Special meetings of the Members for any purpose may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors. Notice of special meetings shall be delivered by first class mail not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting to each Member, and shall be deemed delivered three (3) days after deposit in the U.S. mail."

Amended Article 5, §5.2: "Special meetings of the Members for any purpose may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors."

Additional Section to Article 5, §5.4: (resulting in re-numbering of subsequent Sections)

- a. “Notice of all meetings shall be delivered by Email or, in the case of members who have no listed email address by first class U.S. mail, not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of each meeting.
- b. All meeting notices sent by Email shall be deemed delivered twenty-four (24) hours after being sent unless returned by Members’ mail server and marked as undeliverable due to permanent address error.
- c. All meeting notices sent by U.S. mail shall be deemed delivered three (3) days after deposit in the U.S. mail.”

Sam Blancato moved that the proposed amendment to Section 5 be approved. Donna Bennett seconded the motion, and all present unanimously approved.

B. Change Dates For Elections And Fiscal Year

Reason for Change: Current election dates and fiscal year end coincide with the end of the calendar year. This places elections and end-of-year bookkeeping processes during the Holiday Seasons, already the busiest time of the year. The proposed amendment to the Bylaws will change the date of the annual election of officers, and change the beginning of the fiscal year to coincide with the elections, thereby eliminating any conflict with the end-of-year Holiday Season and, hopefully, make more Members available to partake in annual elections.

This Amendment affects three Articles:

1. Article 5, Membership Meetings; §5.1, Annual Meeting (Pg. 2)
2. Article 7, Officers; §7.2 Election of Officers (Pg. 5)
3. Article 11, Other Business Items; §11.2, Fiscal Year (Pg. 7)

1. Article 5, Membership Meetings; §5.1, Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the membership shall be held on the first Thursday of December for the purpose of electing Officers, and for the transaction of other business. If the election of Officers cannot be or is not to be held on the date designated for the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall cause the elections to be held at a special meeting of the Members as soon thereafter as convenient.

Amended: The annual meeting of the membership shall be held on the first Thursday of June for the purpose of electing Officers, and for the transaction of other business. If the election of Officers cannot be or is not to be held on the date designated for the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall cause the elections to be held at a special meeting of the Members as soon thereafter as convenient.

2. Article 7, Officers; §7.2 Election of Officers: “The initial Officers, as designated hereunder in §7.8, shall serve through December 31, 2005. Thereafter, Officers shall be elected by vote of the general membership at the annual membership meeting held in December as provided in §5.1. Officers shall be elected by individual ballot.”

Amended: “The initial Officers, as designated hereunder in §7.8, shall serve through December 31, 2005. Thereafter, Officers shall be elected by vote of the general membership at the annual membership meeting held in June as provided in §5.1. Officers shall be elected by individual ballot.”

3. Article 11, Other Business Items; §11.2, Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.

Amended: The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of each year.

C. **Open Discussion:**

How does this affect the Interim Officers and their term of office? Shall the Membership approve keeping the Interim Officers in office until the next general elections in June of 2008?

A discussion ensued on whether the Society should hold elections in June of 2007 or allow the Interim Officers to maintain their positions until June of 2008. This move would allow the current administration a full year to restore the Society to fiscal stability, rather than electing new officers who would have to begin the process all over, and still be faced with the same problems the current administration is facing. All members present felt it would be prudent to allow the current administration to continue their efforts until June of 2008.

Billy Evanochko made the motion that the proposed amendments to the above-mentioned Articles be accepted into the Bylaws. Rich Majeran seconded the motion, and all present unanimously approved.

V Treasurer’s Report: Ray Rak

A. General Financial Business

1. Ray Rak reported on the financial records of the past administration and the monies they charged the BSWPA for expenses as compared the expenses being charged by the current administration. The previous administration spent, on average, a total of \$585.00 per month for reoccurring expenses while the current administration is spending less than \$30.00 per month; that includes the cost of a mailbox (\$24.00) to serve as the official BSWPA address and the cost of administering our

web space, which is around \$5.00 per month. All expenses beyond the mailbox and the web site continue to be paid by the Officers and Board Members.

2. For a more complete Treasurer's Report please read the BSWPA official web site, [bswps.org](http://bswps.org), under "Financial News."

**Due to time constraints, the following Agenda items were held over until the next Membership Meeting in May of 2007.**

- VI Board Member and Committee Reports
  - A. Web Site Committee: Maria Kovacs, Chair
    1. General Report On Progress
    2. Layout And Colors
    3. Items To Be Added To Or Removed From Menu
    4. Content And Contributors
  - B. Marketing Committee: Jonnye Weber, Chair
    1. Overview
    2. Short Term Goals
    3. Long Term Goals
  - C. Communications With Members: Don Vecchio, Board Member
  
- VII Open Floor To Discussion