

RHETORIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Summary of Proposed Constitutional Changes by Article and Section

The table is organized numerically, by Article and Section. Changes are of three kinds: changes bringing the Constitution into line with current practice, changes in practice, and reorganizations within the document. In addition, though not specifically highlighted, changes have been made to restate our current provisions into language that qualifies RSA for §501(c)(3) tax-exempt status according to the Internal Revenue Service. Correction of minor wording errors are not included.

SECTION	TYPE OF CHANGE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
Art. II, Sec. 2(c)	New practice	Updates site selection procedure to reflect larger size and use of professional meeting planner.
Art. II, Sec. 2(d)	Up-to-date	Identifies the Institute as an ongoing activity of RSA.
Art. II, Sec. 3(c)	New practice	Broadens the list of nondiscrimination categories.
Art. V, Sec. 4	Up-to-date	Permits notices to be sent by electronic mail.
Art. VI, Sec. 1	New practice	Editor and Membership Officer no longer identified as RSA Officers (though they remain non-voting Board members as at present).
Art. VI, Sec. 7	New practice	Specifies conditions of appointment of Executive Director
Art. VI, Sec. 8	New practice	Allows Membership Officer to be appointed as a distinct office.
Art. VII, Sec. 1	Reorganization	Statement that the Board is the major policy-making body is moved from former Sec. 2.
Art. VII, Sec. 2	Up-to-date	Stipulates that candidates run in paired races for Board seats; recognizes two student Board members; states expectation that Board members attend all meetings.
Art. VII, Sec. 3	Up-to-date	Deletes reference to a student caucus to nominate student Board members; they are chosen by Nominating Committee.
Art. VII, Sec. 4	Up-to-date	States that Board normally meets twice per calendar year.
Art. VII, Sec. 6	Up-to-date	Permits notices to be sent by electronic mail.
Art. VII, Sec. 11	New practice	Provides a procedure for filling vacancies on the Board.
Art. VIII, Sec. 1	New practice	Establishes a Steering Committee of the Board, consisting of the President, President-elect, Past President, and Executive Director
Art. VIII, Sec. 2	Up-to-date	Codifies membership of Nominating Committee and statement of its tasks.
Art. VIII, Sec. 3	Reorganization	Moved from elsewhere in the same Article.

Art. VIII, Sec. 4	Reorganization	Name changed from Editorial Review Committee, moved from elsewhere in the same Article, broadened mission
Art. VIII, Sec. 5	Up-to-date	Identifies the composition and charge of the Institute Steering Committee
Art. VIII, Sec. 6	Up-to-date	Identifies the Committee on Equity and Diversity as a standing committee and identifies its charge.
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Art. VIII, Sec. 7	New practice	Establishes the Committee on Interdisciplinary and Interorganizational Cooperation as a standing committee and identifies its charge.
Art. VIII, Sec. 8	Reorganization	Moved from elsewhere in the same Article; language condensed.
Art. VIII, Sec. 9-12	Reorganization	Renumbered sections.
Art. IX, Sec. 2	Up-to-date	Recognizes the Hauser Award and identifies the selection procedure.
Art. IX, Sec. 3	New practice; reorganization	Removes requirement for $\frac{3}{4}$ Board approval for book and dissertation awards; rearranges items within this section.
Art. IX, Sec. 4	New practice	Explicitly permits the creation of additional awards.