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Reason: Membership cannot be denied based on race, age, color, etc. Change Section numbers

Article III

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Section 1 *Any person residing within the jurisdiction of Unit 145, Subject to Region 2 regulations, is eligible to membership and no person shall be denied membership because of race, creed, age, color, religion, gender, or sexual preference.*

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Section 3 In addition to the privileges already granted by ACBL, members in good standing shall have the following privileges:  
A. To be heard and to vote in person at all annual and special meetings of RIBA  
B. To be eligible for election or appointment to the Board of Directors or to any office or committee or the ACBL consistent with the provisions of these Bylaws  
C. To appeal a decision of the Tournament Director to the Tournament Committee appointed for that particular event.

Reason: Board members will just be appointed by the BOD

Article IV

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Reason: Executive Officers are just Officers

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Reason: Clarify the appointment of the Nominating Committee; new Board members are appointed by BOD.

Article V

Section 1A At a time reasonably in advance of each Annual Meeting of the Unit, the President, with the approval of the board, shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall determine and present to the members a list of nominees for election of Executive Officers. The

Nominating Committee shall also present to the members, for approval, any new board members appointed by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy during the calendar year.

Article V

Section 1A

At a time reasonably in advance of each Annual Meeting of the Unit, the President, with the approval of the board, shall appoint a Nominating Committee, *composed by three (3) persons, a majority of whom shall not be members of the current BOD.* Said Nominating Committee shall determine and present to the members a list of nominees for election of Officers. *The Nominating Committee shall give due consideration to all association members who have indicated a willingness to serve.*

Reason: Address the nomination process.

Article V

Section 1B.

Additional nominations may be made by the members ~~at~~ the Annual Meeting provided that such nominations are made in writing, signed by at least ten (10) members of RIBA in good standing, and presented to the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

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Section 1B.

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Reason: Simplify the voting process.

Article V

Section 2A

*Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Every member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Office.*

Article V

Section 2B

*The Nominating Committee Chair will retain a record of the vote for two (2) years.*

Reason: Decrease the number of Board members to a manageable size.

Article VI

Section 1

The administration of RIBA shall be conducted by the ~~Executive~~ Officers and the Board of Directors consisting of not more than ~~nineteen (19)~~ members as follows:

- President ~~(Executive Officer)~~
- Vice-President ~~(Executive Officer)~~
- Secretary ~~(Executive Officer)~~
- Treasurer ~~(Executive Officer)~~
- ~~Immediate Past President (if available)~~
- Up to ~~fourteen (14)~~ additional Board of Directors members.

Article VI

Section 1

The administration of RIBA shall be *managed and* conducted by the *Unit* Board of Directors *which shall consist of not more than eleven (11) members as follows:*

- *Officers – President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer*
- *Additional Board members to bring total to eleven (11) voting members.*

*The Immediate Past President shall be a non-voting members of the Unit board for a period of one (1) year.*

Reason: Staggering will provide the BOD with experienced members.

Article VI

Section 2

Directors may serve indefinitely.

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*Board members' terms are for two (2) years, staggered so that some are elected in one year and some are elected in the following year.* Board members may serve indefinitely.

Reason: Notice of meetings should be given at least 10 days in advance. The Secretary does not call a meeting.

Article VI

Section 4

The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of four meetings a year, the first of which shall be held as soon as practicable following the election for the purpose of appointing committees and transacting such business as may come before it. ~~The Secretary shall call a meeting at any time at the request of the President, or upon a request of five (5) of its members.~~ Such notices shall be given not less than ~~seven (7)~~ days prior to the date of the proposed meeting. Members of the Board may participate in any Board meeting through use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, as long as members participating in such a meeting can hear one another.

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Reason: Allows another member on the Board if Secretary and Treasurer are held by the same person.

Article VII

Section 1

All Officers shall be elected for terms of two (2) years, commencing January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year following the election. No person shall serve as President for more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. ~~In the event~~ one person shall hold both positions, he shall only be entitled to cast one (1) vote on RIBA business.

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Reason: Follow Robert's Rules of Order at meetings, establish committees using guidelines, ensure Bylaws and Policies are kept safely and appoint a webmaster.

Article VIII

Section 3A President

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4. Preside at all meetings of members of RIBA and Meetings of the Board of Directors. *These meetings will be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.*

7. *Establish all committees (except Nominating Committee) and appoint chairs thereof and assign functions thereto and, in consultation with committee chairpersons, appoint members of the committee.*

8. *Ensure the safekeeping of Bylaws and Policies.*

9. *Appoint and Webmaster.*

Reason: Secretary and Webmaster should ensure minutes are made available on the Web.

Article VIII

Section 3B Secretary

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**1. Coordinate with the Webmaster to ensure that minutes are available on the website.**

**Article VII and Article VIII should be renumbered.**

**Article VII will be titled Officers and Article VIII will be titled Impeachment and Removal.**

Reason: It is unnecessary to have 2 Board members on a committee

Article IX

Section 1

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