SBCA Bylaws
Proposed Amendments (2026)

ARTICLE III — THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2 — Composition

Removes the "even number" restriction on non-officer Board seats so the Board can move from eight to nine non-officer seats (recruited in three even cohorts of three). Ties the seat count to the staggering already described in Sec. 3(D).

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. III, Sec. 2	The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Officers (comprising the President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Past Treasurer); plus an even number of non-officer Board Members totaling at least six (6). Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote. The Board shall include a diversity of membership as described in Art. IV. Sec 2(A), and its members shall be elected by the Society membership as specified in Art. IV. The Board of Directors shall include as non-voting ex-officio members the Editor(s) of the Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis and such other persons whom the Board may from time to time appoint.	The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Officers (comprising the President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Past Treasurer); plus non-officer Board Members totaling at least six (6), in a number evenly divisible by three (3), elected in staggered three-year terms with one-third of non-officer seats up for election each year. Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote. The Board shall include a diversity of membership as described in Art. IV. Sec 2(A), and its members shall be elected by the Society membership as specified in Art. IV. The Board of Directors shall include as non-voting ex-officio members the Editor(s) of the Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis and such other persons whom the Board may from time to time appoint.

ARTICLE IV — NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2 — Nominations & Elections Committee (replaces Nominating Committee throughout)

The Nominating Committee and Elections Committee are combined into a single Nominations & Elections Committee. All references in Article IV updated accordingly, i.e., rename only.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. IV, Sec. 2 (header)	SECTION 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. No later than May 1, the Past President (who pursuant to Art. VI, Sec. 1(A) shall chair the Committee), shall recommend to the Board for approval an even number of Voting Members to serve thereon in addition to the Past President.	SECTION 2. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE. No later than May 1, the Past President (who pursuant to Art. VI, Sec. 1(A) shall chair the Committee), shall recommend to the Board for approval an even number of Voting Members to serve thereon in addition to the Past President.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. IV, Sec. 2(A)	A. DIVERSITY OF NOMINEES. — The Nominating Committee shall actively seek to ensure that nominees are balanced between benefit-cost practitioners (defined as persons whose primary benefit-cost analysis activities consist of the preparation or use of benefit-cost analyses) and benefit-cost academics (defined as persons whose primary benefit-cost analysis activities are teaching and research). The Nominating Committee shall strive to ensure a balance of benefit-cost practitioners and benefit-cost academics in the selection of candidates for Vice President.	A. DIVERSITY OF NOMINEES. — The Nominations & Elections Committee shall actively seek to ensure that nominees are balanced between benefit-cost practitioners (defined as persons whose primary benefit-cost analysis activities consist of the preparation or use of benefit-cost analyses) and benefit-cost academics (defined as persons whose primary benefit-cost analysis activities are teaching and research). The Nominations & Elections Committee shall strive to ensure a balance of benefit-cost practitioners and benefit-cost academics in the selection of candidates for Vice President.
Art. IV, Sec. 2(B)	B. SLATE AND SCHEDULE. — No later than September 1, the Nominating Committee shall propose to the Board at least one candidate for Vice President; at least one candidate for Assistant Treasurer; at least one candidate for Secretary (if such office is scheduled to be vacant), and candidates for non-officer Board members equal to at least 1-1/2 times the number of expected Board vacancies.	B. SLATE AND SCHEDULE. — No later than September 1, the Nominations & Elections Committee shall propose to the Board at least one candidate for Vice President; at least one candidate for Assistant Treasurer; at least one candidate for Secretary (if such office is scheduled to be vacant), and candidates for non-officer Board members equal to at least 1-1/2 times the number of expected Board vacancies.
Art. IV, Sec. 2(C)	C. SELF-RECOMMENDATION. — Voting Members with a desire to serve the Society in an elective capacity are encouraged to inform the Nominating Committee of such desire no later than June 1.	C. SELF-RECOMMENDATION. — Voting Members with a desire to serve the Society in an elective capacity are encouraged to inform the Nominations & Elections Committee of such desire no later than June 1.
Art. IV, Sec. 3	Election results shall be determined by the Election Committee, which shall decide the elections of each officer position and each non-officer Board member position by the highest number of votes cast.	Election results shall be determined by the Nominations & Elections Committee, which shall decide the elections of each officer position and each non-officer Board member position by the highest number of votes cast.

Section 5 — Terms of Office

Officer and Director terms change from calendar year to conference year. Includes a transition clause so current terms are extended to the new boundary rather than truncated or extended in an ad hoc way; exact transition date to be set by the Board.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. IV, Sec. 5	SECTION 5. TERMS OF OFFICE. — Terms of office shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.	SECTION 5. TERMS OF OFFICE. — Terms of office shall begin at the conclusion of the Annual Conference and end at the conclusion of the following year's Annual Conference. Upon adoption of this amendment, the terms of officers and non-officer Board members then in service shall be extended so as to end at the

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		conclusion of an Annual Conference rather than on the previously scheduled December 31 end date. The exact transition date and any resulting term adjustments shall be determined by the Board.

ARTICLE V — FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICERS

Section 6 — Past President

"Nominating Committee" renamed to "Nominations & Elections Committee." Remainder of section unchanged.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. V, Sec. 6	The Past President shall chair the Nominating Committee and serve on the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and other committees as provided for in these Bylaws or by special appointment and shall otherwise provide for continuity in the leadership of the Society.	The Past President shall chair the Nominations & Elections Committee and serve on the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and other committees as provided for in these Bylaws or by special appointment and shall otherwise provide for continuity in the leadership of the Society.

ARTICLE VI — COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1 (header) — "Permanent Committees" changed to "Bylaws-Mandated Committees"

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. VI, Sec. 1 (header)	SECTION 1. PERMANENT COMMITTEES. — The Society shall have the following permanent committees, each having the specified primary function:	SECTION 1. BYLAWS-MANDATED COMMITTEES. — The Society shall have the following bylaws-mandated committees, each having the specified primary function: the Nominations & Elections Committee, the Audit Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Presidents Group.

Section 1(A) — Nominations & Elections Committee (replaces Nominating Committee)

The Nominating Committee (Sec. 1A) and Elections Committee (Sec. 1B) are dissolved as separate bodies and replaced by a single Nominations & Elections Committee, which retains bylaws-mandated status. Adds the Vice President as a non-voting advisory participant.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. VI, Sec. 1(A) [REVISED]	A. The NOMINATING COMMITTEE shall recruit candidates for all elective offices of the Society. The Committee shall be chaired by the Past President and shall include an even number of Voting Members selected by the	A. The NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE shall recruit candidates for all elective offices of the Society. The Committee shall be chaired by the Past President and shall include an even number of Voting Members

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	Board after receiving recommendations from the Past President. Except for the Past President, no officer or non-officer member of the Board may serve on the Committee.	selected by the Board after receiving recommendations from the Past President. The Vice President shall participate in an advisory, non-voting capacity. Except for the Past President and the Vice President, no officer or non-officer member of the Board may serve on the Committee. The Committee shall administer the elections process. No person who is standing for election may participate in administering that process.
Art. VI, Sec. 1(B)	B. The ELECTIONS COMMITTEE shall organize and conduct the elections of the Society. The Elections Committee shall be chaired by the Secretary (or Board designee, if the Secretary is standing for election) and include two (2) additional Voting Members selected by the Board after receiving recommendations from the Secretary. No person who is standing for election may serve on the Elections Committee.	[Deleted — no replacement]

Section 1(C) — Finance Committee [removed from bylaws-mandated status]

Finance Committee removed from bylaws-mandated status. Reconstituted as a Board-authorized standing committee under Art. VI, Sec. 2, chaired by the Treasurer, with membership limited to the Treasurer, Past Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. VI, Sec. 1(C)	C. The FINANCE COMMITTEE shall propose annual budgets, supervise the financial aspects of the annual meeting and other events, and oversee all financial affairs of the Society, including the selection of independent accountants and auditors, if any. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer (Chair), the Assistant Treasurer, the Past Treasurer and the President, and may include other Voting Members appointed by the Board after receiving recommendations from the Treasurer.	[Deleted — no replacement]

Section 1(D) — Journal Committee [moved to Board-authorized]

Journal Committee removed from bylaws-mandated status. Reconstituted as a Board-authorized standing committee under Art. VI, Sec. 2, chaired by the Editor-in-Chief.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. VI, Sec. 1(D)	D. The JOURNAL COMMITTEE shall oversee the Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis, and any other scholarly publications of the Society. The Journal Committee shall consist of the Past President (Chair), the President, the Vice President, the Editor(s) of the Journal, and other Voting Members appointed by the Board after receiving recommendations from the Past President and the Editor(s).	[Deleted — no replacement]

Art. VI, Sec. 1(E) → 1(B) — Executive Committee — relettered and rewritten

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. VI, Sec. 1(E)	E. The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall oversee the day-to-day management of the Society and consist of the President (chair), Vice President, Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer.	B. The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall oversee management functions of the Society that require broader officer involvement than the Presidents Group but do not require action by the full Board, and consist of the President (chair), Vice President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Past Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall assume responsibility for the external fundraising functions previously assigned to the Development Committee.

Section 1(C) — Presidents Group [NEW]

The Presidents Group is formalized in the bylaws for the first time, as the Society's primary decision-making body for day-to-day operations. Inserted as new Sec. 1(F) immediately following the Executive Committee.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. VI, Sec. 1(F)	[No current provision]	C. The PRESIDENTS GROUP shall serve as the Society's primary decision-making body for day-to-day operations. The Presidents Group shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Immediate Past President; the Executive Director shall serve as a non-voting participant. The Presidents Group shall meet on a regular basis, addressing operational decisions, emerging issues, and matters requiring prompt attention between meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board, and shall prepare agendas and recommendations for the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

Section 1(F→D) — Audit Committee [re-lettered and rewritten]

Recruitment moves to the Nominations & Elections Committee, one seat per year, on staggered three-year terms.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. VI, Sec. 1(F→D)	F. The AUDIT COMMITTEE shall establish an auditing procedure consistent with law that is appropriate for the Society and implement such procedure annually after the close of the fiscal year. The Audit Committee shall consist of the Treasurer (chair, ex officio) and an odd number (at least three) of non-officer Board members or other Voting Members of the Society.	D. The AUDIT COMMITTEE shall establish an auditing procedure consistent with law that is appropriate for the Society and implement such procedure annually after the close of the fiscal year. The Audit Committee shall consist of an odd number (at least three) of non-officer Voting Members of the Society, serving staggered three-year terms, with one new member recruited annually by the Nominations & Elections Committee. The Treasurer shall serve as a non-voting ex officio resource to the Committee.

Section 1(G) — Annual Conference Program Committee [moved to Board-authorized]

Program Committee removed from bylaws-mandated status. Reconstituted as the Annual Conference Program Committee under Art. VI, Sec. 2. VP continues as chair.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. VI, Sec. 1(G)	G. The PROGRAM COMMITTEE shall organize the annual conference of the Society. The Committee shall consist of the Vice President, who shall serve as chair, and at least four additional Voting Members of the Society nominated to serve by the Vice President, subject to the approval of the Board.	[Deleted — no replacement]

Section 1(H) — Development Committee [DELETED]

Dissolved. Fundraising responsibilities absorbed into Executive Committee per revised Sec. 1(E).

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. VI, Sec. 1(H)	H. The DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE shall seek external financial support for the Society in various forms including, but not limited to, grants, gifts, donations, Organizational Affiliates, and event sponsorships. The President shall nominate a Voting Member to chair this Committee, subject to approval by the Board. The Chair shall propose at least three additional Voting Members to serve on the Committee, subject to approval by the Board. Any proposed financial contribution from an individual or entity exceeding 5% of the Society's current annual budget shall be subject to review and prior approval by the Board.	[Deleted — no replacement]

Section 2 — Board-Authorized Committees and Other Bodies [REVISED]

"Temporary Committees" section expanded to authorize standing committees, task forces, and working groups. Enabling mechanism for the Annual Conference Program Committee, Journal Committee, Professional Development Committee, Membership Committee, Awards Committee, European Activities Committee, and all task forces and working groups in the new structure.

Location	Current Language	Proposed Language
Art. VI, Sec. 2	SECTION 2. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES. — The Board may from time to time establish temporary committees as it deems appropriate. The functions, duties and terms of any temporary committee shall be stated in writing and properly documented, and they may not supersede the functions and duties of any permanent committee.	SECTION 2. BOARD-AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES. — The Board may from time to time establish standing or temporary committees, task forces, or working groups as it deems appropriate. The functions, duties, and terms of any such body shall be stated in writing and properly documented, and they may not supersede the functions and duties of any bylaws-mandated committee. The Board shall authorize the chair of each such body. Chairs of standing committees not otherwise specified in these Bylaws shall recruit their own committee members. Chair positions for new bodies without an established recruitment process shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to Board approval.