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Dear SEAALL Member:

Enclosed please find proposed changes to the SEAALL Bylaws written to enable electronic balloting. According to our bylaws you are to receive notice of these proposed changes at least 30 days prior to voting, which will take place at the SEAALL Business Meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis on Monday, July 10, 2006. Please read these changes and be prepared to vote in St. Louis.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Wambold
Secretary

Enclosure
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article XI Bylaws

Old
The bylaws of this corporation may be adopted, repealed, amended or suspended by a two-thirds (2\3) vote of the members voting in a ballot conducted by mail in manner provided in the bylaws or at a meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds (2\3) vote of the members voting in the ballot as provided in the bylaws.

New
The bylaws of this corporation may be adopted, repealed, amended or suspended by a two-thirds (2\3) vote of the members voting in a ballot conducted by electronic means or by mail in manner provided in the bylaws or at a meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds (2\3) vote of the members voting in the ballot as provided in the bylaws.

Article XII Amendment of Charter

Old
Amendments to the charter may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the members. Proposed amendments shall become effective after they have been submitted to all members and when approved by two thirds (2\3) of those voting in a ballot conducted by mail in the manner provided in the bylaws or at a meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds (2\3) vote of members voting in the ballot.

New
Amendments to the charter may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the members. Proposed amendments shall become effective after they have been submitted to all members and when approved by two-thirds (2\3) of those voting in a ballot conducted by electronic means or mail in the manner provided in the bylaws or at a meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds (2\3) vote of members voting in the ballot.

BYLAWS

Article III: Nominations and Elections.

Section 1. a. Nominating Committee

Old
The president shall appoint a nominating committee who shall submit the names of the candidate or candidates for each of the following offices by November 1 in the year the officer is elected. Vice-President-President Elect Secretary Treasurer.

New
The president shall appoint a nominating committee who shall submit the names of the candidate or candidates for each of the following offices by December 1 in the year the officer is elected; Vice-President-President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Method of Election.

Old
The vice-president-president elect shall be elected by mail ballot in February of each year. The secretary and a member-at-large shall be elected by mail ballot in February of each even numbered year. The treasurer and a member-at-large shall be elected by mail ballot in February of each odd-numbered year. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The membership is to be notified by the secretary of the outcome of the election by mail or at a meeting of the Chapter.

New
The vice-president-president elect shall be elected by electronic or mail ballot in February of each year. The secretary and a member-at-large shall be elected by electronic or mail ballot in February of each even numbered year. The treasurer and a member-at-large shall be elected by electronic or mail ballot in February of each odd-numbered year. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The membership is to be notified by the secretary of the outcome of the election by electronic means, mail or at a meeting of the Chapter.

Section 3. Special Elections

c. Method of Election

Old
At the discretion of the Executive Committee, the special election may be held by mail or by a voice vote at a Chapter meeting. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

New
At the discretion of the Executive Committee, the special election may be held by electronic vote, by mail vote, or by voice vote at a Chapter meeting. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Article IV: Amendments to Bylaws
Section 1. Filing and Notice

Old
a. notice shall be published in the Chapter Newsletter at least 30 days prior to balloting, or

New
a. notice shall be published in the Chapter [electronic] Newsletter at least 30 days prior to balloting, or

*Old*
b. notice shall be sent by the secretary to all members through the mail at least 30 days prior to balloting.

*New*
c. notice shall be sent by the secretary to all members by electronic means or mail, at least 30 days prior to balloting.

Section 2. Balloting

*Old*
a. Mail Ballots

Mail ballots may be conducted for the purpose of changing the Articles or Bylaws provided that ballots shall be mailed by the secretary to the membership immediately following a meeting where the amendments were discussed or 30 days after notice of the proposed amendments have been mailed to the memberships. The Executive Committee must specify the time for closing the balloting, but in no case shall it be less than 30 days after the mailing of the ballots.

*New*
a. Ballots

Electronic or mail ballots may be conducted for the purpose of changing the Articles or Bylaws provided that ballots shall be made available by the secretary to the membership immediately following a meeting where the amendments were discussed or 30 days after notice of the proposed amendments has been distributed to the membership. The Executive Committee must specify the time for closing the balloting, but in no case shall it be less than 30 days after the providing of the ballots.

b. Voice Ballots

*Old*
i. Mailed by the secretary to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting, or

*New*
i. Provided by the secretary to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting, or