

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE

The IGS Executive Council went into open session on November 14 (during a working meeting in Galena) and approved a proposal to modify the IGS Constitution. The change must be brought to the membership for a vote at the Business Meeting.

Under this change the presidency and vice-presidency will switch to two-year positions, in an effort to maintain some continuity in the offices while allowing both to continue IGS initiatives long-term.

Please read through the changes (I have pasted the current wording and the proposed wording). I would encourage you to discuss these changes within GIMBY prior to the Business Meeting. I have also included a question on the registration form (non-binding) to judge your interest in such a change.

| | Current Constitution Wording |
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| ARTICLE 4, Section 3 | The President and Vice-President shall assume official duties immediately following the regular Annual Meeting of the association and shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors shall be elected. The Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of the <i>Bulletin</i> , Central Office Director, and Coordinator of the Illinois Geographic Alliance shall assume their official duties immediately following the regular Annual Meeting and shall serve for three (3) years or until their successors shall be selected (whichever come first). |
| ARTICLE 4, Section 4 | (No current reference to this proposed addition.) |
| ARTICLE 5, Section 1 | The Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor of the <i>Bulletin</i> , Central Office Director, two immediate past-Presidents, Representative to the National Council for Geographic Education, Coordinator of the Illinois Geographic Alliance, Applied Geographer, and three Members-At-Large. . . . |
| ARTICLE 6, Section 3 | At least four weeks prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a committee of three (3) to be known as the Nominating Committee. The duties of this committee shall be to provide a slate of officers; to have general charge of the election; and to prepare, distribute, collect, and count the ballots. |

The proposed changes:

| | Proposed Wording (New Wording) |
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| ARTICLE 4, Section 3 | The President and Vice-President shall assume official duties immediately following the regular Annual Meeting of the association and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors shall |

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| | <p>be elected. The Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of the <i>Bulletin</i>, Central Office Director, and Coordinator of the Illinois Geographic Alliance shall assume their official duties immediately following the regular Annual Meeting and shall serve for three (3) years or until their successors shall be selected (whichever come first). The Past-President shall serve for two (2) years.</p> |
| ARTICLE 4, Section 4 | <p>Add (g) The Past-President shall chair the Nominating Committee.</p> |
| ARTICLE 5, Section 1 | <p>The Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor of the <i>Bulletin</i>, Central Office Director, the Past-President, Representative to the National Council for Geographic Education, Coordinator of the Illinois Geographic Alliance, Applied Geographer, and three Members-At-Large. . . .</p> |
| ARTICLE 6, Section 3 | <p>At least four weeks prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, the Past-President shall appoint a committee of two (2) to serve with he or she on the Nominating Committee. The duties of this committee shall be to provide a slate of officers; to have general charge of the election; and to prepare, distribute, collect, and count the ballots.</p> |