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## Major Changes

Article III (Avoiding Implicit Bias) added, consistent with the template provided by the Committee on Sections.

Changes to the process of appointing committees. (Article IV.7.a, Article IV.10, Article VII)

- Three standing committees have been created. The Program Committee has existed unofficially for two or three years, and it seems like it should continue to exist.
- We made up rules for the membership of the Nominating Committee and the Teaching Award Committee that we believe are consistent with the MAA Guidelines for Avoiding Implicit Bias. We can fiddle with those rules, but we probably can't just have "The Chair will appoint committees."
- Ad hoc committees can now be created by the Chair, by the membership at a Business Meeting, or by vote of the Executive Committee.
- The Chair retains the power to appoint members to committees, but the Executive Committee now has veto power. In practice, the issue is finding volunteers, rather than wrangling over too many people competing for limited spots. But we thought we should have some oversight, against some future time when some despot becomes Chair.
- The Chair has been removed at an ex-officio member of all committees. There didn't seem to be any reason for that rule.

Article IV.10 – Makes explicit the terms of office for the Mathematics Contest Coordinator, Public Information Officer, Student Activities Coordinator, and Director of Section NExT-Wisconsin, which up to now have been informal.

Article IV.11 – Allows for multiple people to fill the role of Mathematics Contest Coordinator, Public Information Officer, Student Activities Coordinator, or Director of Section NExT-Wisconsin. This has been practice for at least fifteen years, but not specifically allowed in bylaws.

Article V has been rewritten to make a clearer distinction between the Annual Meeting and the Business Meeting. A Business Meeting is required every year, even if only virtual. Language has been inserted to allow the cancelation or postponement of an Annual Meeting.

Article V.6 – The quorum for a Business Meeting has been raised to 15. There has been some concern in the past on the Committee on Sections that a quorum should not be so small that the Executive Committee, by itself, makes up a quorum. On the other hand, Robert's Rules say a quorum should be "as large as can be depended upon for being present at all meetings when the weather is not exceptionally bad." The past few years we haven't had many more than 20, so we hesitated to go much higher than 15.

Article VIII has been largely rewritten to follow the language of the template provided by the Committee on Sections.

## Minor Changes

Article I.2: Purpose of the Section slightly modified, consistent with the template provided by the Committee on Sections.

Article IV.3: “Each Section Officer and Executive Committee member” must be a member of the MAA has been shortened to “Each Executive Committee member” must be a member. The Section Officers are a subset of the Executive Committee, so it was redundant.

Article IV.4: We struck the sentence “Thus, the term of service for each of these three offices is one year.” It is not strictly speaking accurate, as the Business Meeting is not typically exactly one year after the prior business meeting, and the rest of the article is clear enough about the term of office of these officers.

Article IV.6: “Each Fall,” has been inserted at the beginning, to provide a general timeline for the appointment of the Nominating Committee.

Article IV.7.c: Slightly rewritten for clarity. Keeping track of contest monies added as an explicit duty.

Article IV.8.b: The duty of Liaison Coordinator has been removed from Public Information Officer.

Article VI: The title has been changed from “Dues and Use of Assets” to “Fees and Use of Assets,” since we are barred by MAA bylaws from charging dues.

Throughout:

- “Governor” has been changed to “Representative to MAA Congress” (or “Representative”).
- “Project NExT-Wisconsin” has been changed to “Section NExT-Wisconsin.”
- “Section” has been capitalized, consistent with usage by the Committee on Sections.