

# CONSTITUTION

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## CONSTITUTION, Article VII

### Council

#### Section 1.

a. The popular deliberative assembly of the SOCIETY shall be known as the Council, which shall be composed of the President, the President-Elect, the Directors, the Past Presidents, the Executive Director, the Secretary, and Councilors representing Local Sections and Divisions, all of whom shall be known as voting Councilors, if MEMBERS of the SOCIETY. Twenty percent of elected Councilors shall be elected by Divisions and 80 percent shall be elected by Local Sections. Each Division and each Local Section shall elect Councilors and Alternate Councilors as provided in the Bylaws. In addition to performing such duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SOCIETY, the Council shall act as an advisory body in matters pertaining to the general management of the SOCIETY. (11/21/88)

b. The Council also shall include as nonvoting Councilors persons whose SOCIETY positions enable them to contribute special knowledge and viewpoints to Council debate or to benefit in the discharge of their SOCIETY responsibilities from Council discussion, as specified in the Bylaws. (7/2/57)

#### Sec. 2.

The President and the Secretary of the SOCIETY shall be the President and the Secretary, respectively, of the Council, and the President shall serve as the presiding officer of the Council. (1/1/77)

#### Sec. 3.

a. The Council shall have an executive committee of the Council to be known as the Council Policy Committee, which shall prepare the agenda for Council meetings and also act for the Council in all matters within the Council's jurisdiction between Council meetings, as provided in the Bylaws.

b. The Council shall have a Committee on Nominations and Elections, the duties of which shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

c. The Council shall have a Committee on Committees, the duties of which shall be as provided in the Bylaws. (11/19/74)

d. There shall be Society Committees as provided in the Bylaws to aid both the Council and the Board of Directors in the performance of their functions. Society Committees shall be composed of voting councilors, including Directors, and may, when deemed appropriate, include other members of the Society, as provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/78)

e. The Council shall provide for such Standing Committees, composed wholly of voting Councilors, as it deems necessary to explore all matters in which the Council has an interest. (1/1/78)

f. By joint resolution with the Board of Directors, the Council may establish Other Joint Board-Council Committees as provided in the Bylaws, to serve purposes which both bodies determine to be appropriate. (3/1/79)

g. The Council may provide for Other Committees, members of which need not be Councilors, to consider and report upon

SOCIETY matters within the Council's jurisdiction. (1/1/78)

h. All Committees shall report in the manner provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/78)

i. Elected Committees of the Council:

(1) The Council shall elect the Council Policy Committee, of which the President shall serve as Chair and the Secretary of the SOCIETY shall serve as Secretary ex officio. (1/1/77)

(2) The Council shall elect the Committee on Nominations and Elections, which in turn shall elect its Chair from its own membership.

(3) The Council shall elect the Committee on Committees, on which the President-Elect shall serve as a member ex officio. The Committee shall elect its Chair from among its own membership. (11/19/74)

j. Personnel of all other committees shall be selected in the manner provided in the Bylaws. (1/1/78)

#### **Sec. 4.**

The Council shall hold not fewer than two meetings annually, one of which shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the SOCIETY. The Council may hold additional meetings on reasonable notice, upon the call of the President of the SOCIETY, the Chair of the Board of Directors, or the Council Policy Committee. In any session of the Council, 33 1/3 percent of the voting Councilors shall constitute a quorum. (7/2/57)

#### **Sec. 5.**

a. The terms of office of Local Section and Division Councilors and Alternate Councilors shall be three years, except that a partial term of one or two years shall be used whenever necessary to establish or to restore rotation of three-year terms of Councilors and Alternate Councilors. (11/16/87)

b. The term of a nonvoting Councilor serving in an ex officio capacity shall be that of the office or position held. The terms of others shall be established as provided in the Bylaws. (7/2/57)