

University of Idaho Arboretum Associates  
Rationales for Proposed Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

**CONSTITUTION**

**Heading Change**

Added text to be more specific to the organization

**Article IV (a) Officers**

Revised text to eliminate term limits for vice president and secretary positions. Changes will align Constitution with current practices that have been followed for several years.

**Article IV (b) Executive Committee**

Deleted all references to “Executive Committee” and replaced with “Board of Directors.” The terms are synonymous.

Added language to enable expansion of Board of Directors. Goal is to encourage more participation on the Board and prepare more people for officer positions.

Changed term length for member at large from three years to two years. Added language to adjust term limit requirements for member at large positions which will align Constitution with current practice.

Deleted reference to “The University of Idaho Arboretum Director.” Position no longer exists.

**Article V Meetings – Manner of Acting**

Deleted all references to “Executive Committee” and replaced with “Board of Directors.”

**Article VI Amendment**

Deleted reference to distributing “printed copies” of materials, a method that is unnecessary and expensive.

Added language regarding electronic distribution of materials.

**BYLAWS**

**Section 4 Board of Directors**

Deleted reference to “Executive Committee.” See rationale, above.

Deleted reference to “four” members at large. Identifying number of members is unnecessary.

Deleted reference to “heads of standing committees.” Conforms bylaws to what practices have been for several years.

Deleted reference to “The University of Idaho Arboretum Director.” See rationale, above.

**Section 8 Other**

Deleted reference to “Executive Committee” and replaced with “Board of Directors.”