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ARTICLE IV: NOMINATION and ELECTION of OFFICERS, DIRECTORS and SECTION REPRESENTATIVES to DISTRICT BOARD

Section 4.1

Officers of the Section shall include: A President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, one Member Director, and two Section Representatives to the District Board who, together with the immediate Past President, shall constitute the Executive Board of the Section. The office of Section Representative may be held concurrently with the office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director or Past President. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Member Director shall be elected annually to assume office on January 1 for a term of one year. There shall also be two Affiliate Directors on the Executive Board who shall be non-voting members except on issues exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Section. One Affiliate Director will be elected annually to assume office on January 1 for a term of two years.

Section 4.2

Two Section Representatives to the District board shall be elected annually in accordance with Article II, Section 2.2 of the District Bylaws.

Section 4.3

Only Institute members residing in the Section area may serve on the Executive Board. No officer of the Section shall succeed oneself after serving a full term in office.

Section 4.4

In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the President, the un-expired term shall be filled by the Vice-President. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any other elective office, the Section Executive Board shall elect a member to fill the un-expired term.

Section 4.5

The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more qualified candidates for each office. A written consent to hold office must be received from each person nominated. The Nominating Committee shall transmit its list of nominees to the Secretary not later than September 15.

Section 4.6

Not later than one week prior to the second meeting in the fall of each year, the Secretary shall send to the members of the Section a list of candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations of any office may be made by petition, signed by not less than five members. Each such petition shall be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee to run for the office for which that person is nominated and must be received by the Secretary not later than one week after the second meeting in the fall. If a member is nominated for more than one office, that person shall be considered a candidate only for the one office, which that person designated, except that person may also be nominated for Section Representative.

Section 4.7

Not later than two weeks after the second meeting in the fall, the Secretary shall send to each eligible voter a final ballot, listing the candidates nominated for Officers and Directors and Section Representative. Final ballots returned by eligible voters to the Secretary shall be canvassed at the Annual Meeting by three tellers appointed by the President. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote, the new Executive Board of the Section at their first meeting shall choose between the candidates.