

Proposal to Expand the SPEP Executive Committee

[Passed by more than a 2/3 majority in a balloted vote at the Business Meeting in Atlanta, October 9th, 2015]

We are proposing to change **Article IV: Board of Directors** of the SPEP Bylaws as follows:

Section 1. Number of Directors. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of those persons named in the Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) members unless changed by amendment to these Bylaws, except that the number of Directors shall never be less than three (3). Specifically, the Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) ex officio voting members (The President and Executive Co-Director, the Vice-President and Executive Co-Director, and the Secretary-Treasury), and three (3) additional Directors. [...]

The proposal is to change the number of the Board of Directors from six (6) to seven (7), increasing the number of at-large members from three (3) to four (4).

Rationale for Expanding the Executive Committee

The primary reason for this expansion is to address the increasing diversity of philosophical perspectives embraced by the Society's membership. The EC has considered the financial impact of adding an additional member and, *with the understanding that conference registration fees will be increased in parallel**, we believe that the Society's finances would be healthy enough to absorb the extra costs associated with this proposed expansion. In conformity with the process for voting on proposals approved by the membership at the 2012 meeting in Eugene, this proposal will be discussed and voted upon by the SPEP membership at the 2015 Atlanta business meeting. If this proposal is approved by the membership, an election would then be held the following year at the Salt Lake City 2016 business meeting according to the standard electoral procedure for member-at-large slots, with two candidates nominated. That meeting would also include elections for members of the EC whose term has expired.

** The projected cost of an additional EC member is between \$3500-4000 per annum. In order to remain fiscally solvent, the EC anticipates the need to increase the conference registration fee by another \$5 on top of the already proposed increase and therefore puts forward the 2015 proposal.*