

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION REVISION**  
**FROM THE CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION**  
**FOR THE PURPOSE OF CIVIL COMPLIANCE**

WHEREAS, the Constitution Revision Commission (“CRC”), in accordance with its mandate from the membership, submitted a revised Constitution to the Secretary, the Board of Governors, and the membership in advance of the October 2026 Annual General Meeting; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the submission to the CLSA membership, the Board of Governors requested a civil attorney licensed in the District of Columbia to provide a legal review of the draft Constitution to ensure compliance with the laws of the District of Columbia, in which jurisdiction the Society is civilly incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors and CRC received said legal analysis from the forementioned civil attorney, including recommended revisions to conform the Constitution to pertinent District of Columbia civil law, after submitting said revised Constitution to the membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, the CRC hereby submits the attached redlined amendments to its proposed revised Constitution so as to ensure compliance with the laws of the District of Columbia.

## 4 **Constitution**

### 5 **Preamble**

7 The Canon Law Society of America was founded in 1939 when the membership adopted a  
8 Constitution to define its purpose and determine the structure and workings of the Society. The  
9 Constitution has been amended several times over the decades in order to address the changing  
10 needs of the Society and those of the Church. Following a period of consultation and deliberation,  
11 the membership of the Canon Law Society of America adopts this Constitution as its principal  
12 governing document. This Constitution along with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws,  
13 shall govern the functioning of the Society, keeping in mind that the supreme law of the Church  
14 must always be the salvation of souls (cf. can. 1752 *CIC*).  
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### 16 **Article I — Name**

17 The name of this association shall be **THE CANON LAW SOCIETY OF AMERICA**,  
18 **hereinafter referred to in this Constitution as the “Society.”**  
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### 20 **Article II — Purpose**

21 The purposes of this Society shall be:

- 22 1. To advance the Church’s ministry of the *cura animarum* through the works of justice, law,  
23 and mercy.
- 24 2. To foster professional and ministerial ties among Society members, to facilitate the  
25 interchange of canonical ideas, and to support the members as practitioners of canon law.
- 26 3. To contribute to the scholarly study and advancement of canon law, including the  
27 publication of articles, books, and other educational materials.
- 28 4. To assist those in the Church who exercise legislative authority in the formulation, revision,  
29 reception, and implementation of canon law.
- 30 5. To provide resources to those who exercise judicial and executive authority in the Church.
- 31 6. To provide formation to those who accompany the Christian faithful in the exercise of their  
32 canonical rights and duties.
- 33 7. To collaborate with other canon law societies in our common mission.
- 34 8. To engage with other organizations that serve the Church, particularly in the United States  
35 of America.  
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### 37 **Article III — Membership**

- 38 1. There are five types of membership in the Society: Active, Associate, Student, Senior, and  
39 Honorary.
  - 40 a. ACTIVE membership is open to those who have earned at least a licentiate degree  
41 in canon law or other practitioners in canon law who have fulfilled the stipulated  
42 requirements established by the Board of Directors as enumerated in the Bylaws.
  - 43 b. ASSOCIATE membership is open to others who wish to associate themselves with  
44 the purposes of the Society.

- c. STUDENT membership is open to those enrolled in any ecclesiastical faculty of canon law and engaged in studies to obtain a licentiate degree.
  - d. SENIOR membership is open to those who are at least 70 years old, have held Active membership for at least 20 cumulative years, and are either no longer employed fulltime or are priests/consecrated granted retirement status.
  - e. HONORARY membership is open to both those who are not members of the Society and those who are members who, after being proposed by a member, are elected by a majority vote by the Board of Directors because of outstanding contributions in the field of canon law or support of the Society. The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, decide to grant membership status equivalent to that of Associate or Active membership but the recipient shall not be required to pay annual dues. **The Honorary membership becomes effective upon acceptance.**
2. Loss of membership in the Society and all associated rights, benefits, and duties occurs:
- a. when there is failure to pay the annual dues by no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>;
  - b. after reception of a signed letter of resignation; or
  - c. by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors after a proven violation of the Code of Professional Responsibilities in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### **Article IV — Rights, Duties, and Benefits of Members**

- 1. Members of the Society shall be entitled to all rights, duties, and benefits of membership as hereinafter described in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- 2. Each Active member has the duty to support and advance the purposes of the Society in a positive manner, not merely by the payment of annual dues but also by participation in some or all of the following:
  - a. Conventions
  - b. Annual Business Meetings
  - c. Papers, webinars, and other canonical presentations
  - d. Serving on committees and special projects
  - e. Networking and cooperation with other members
  - f. Any other endeavors of the Society
- 3. Active and Senior members possess the full rights of membership, including but not limited to: vote, motion, holding of office, serving as chairs for committees, serving on the Nominating Committee, and eligibility for elected office unless otherwise specified.
- 4. **By a two-thirds majority vote, Active and Senior members may remove Directors from the Board for grave cause per the procedures specified in the Bylaws.**
- 5. Associate and Student members may serve on committees except for the Nominating Committee. Additionally, they may address the Society at business meetings with the prior approval of the majority of the Active members present and voting.
- 6. All members shall uphold the Code of Professional Responsibility. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action up to and including loss of membership.

#### **Article V — Dues**

- 1. The annual dues for membership in the Society shall be payable by July 1st.
- 2. Notification of dues shall be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

3. Those members required to pay dues and who fail to do so by no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> shall forfeit membership, office, and all associated rights, benefits, and duties in the Society. Reinstatement of membership becomes effective upon payment of dues.
4. The Board of Directors shall propose any change to the amount for the annual dues for all membership categories. This proposal requires approval by a majority vote of **Active and Senior members** ~~those members with voting rights~~ who are present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting.

## Article VI — Meetings

1. The Society shall meet annually in a general meeting known as the Annual Business Meeting at a time and place selected by the Board of Directors. The diocesan bishop and, if applicable, the eparchial bishop whose See is in the place chosen shall be informed.
2. Notice of the Annual Business Meeting and its agenda shall be sent to all members at least one month in advance thereof.
3. Conduct of the business of the Society shall be done at one or more sessions of the Annual Business Meeting.
4. A special business meeting of the Society may be called by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors. If twenty-five percent of the Active **and Senior** members petition in writing for a special business meeting, the President must call said meeting within sixty days. The diocesan bishop and, if applicable, the eparchial bishop whose See is in the place chosen shall be informed.
5. Notice of the Annual Business Meeting and special business meetings must be made by means of electronic or physical mail.
6. **A quorum for Annual Business Meetings and special business meetings is 100 members who are eligible to vote.**
7. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice annually. The first required meeting shall be held at least six months prior to the Annual Business Meeting of the Society. Another required meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Business Meeting. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as needed at the determination of the President.
8. **The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern parliamentary procedure at all Board meetings, Nominating Committee meetings, and business meetings of the Society, to the extent it is not inconsistent with this Constitution, the Bylaws, or applicable civil law.** ~~Robert's Rules of Order shall settle all questions of procedure not covered by this Constitution or the Bylaws.~~
9. **Virtual meetings, remote participation at in-person meetings, and electronic voting (either remotely or in person) may be used for business meetings of the Society as well as meetings of the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee if allowed by the Board of Directors and in accord with the Bylaws.** ~~Electronic voting, both remote and in person, may be used at the Annual Business Meeting and special business meetings as allowed by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and the Board of Directors.~~
10. **Voting by proxy is not allowed.**
11. **For purposes of voting at business meetings, the record date for determining members entitled to vote shall be the day before the Annual Business meeting.**

135 **Article VII — Board of Directors**

136 1. Board of Directors

- 137 a. The governing body of the Society shall be known as the Board of Directors. It is  
138 the duty of the Board of Directors to ensure the best interests of the Society. The  
139 Board of Directors shall have those authorities articulated in this Constitution and  
140 in the Bylaws.
- 141 b. The ten voting members of the Board of Directors are the four Officers and six  
142 Directors. The Director of Operations shall be an *ex officio* non-voting member of  
143 the Board.
- 144 c. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall be the President, the Vice President,  
145 the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
- 146 d. In accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws, the Board of Directors is  
147 responsible for hearing and responding to alleged violations of the Code of  
148 Professional Responsibility.
- 149 e. Officers and Directors shall serve for the limit of their term as stipulated in the  
150 Constitution.

151 2. Office of President

- 152 a. The President shall represent the Society and advance its purposes, oversee the  
153 general affairs of the Society, and has the authority to act on behalf of the Society  
154 as specified in this Constitution and in the Bylaws.
- 155 b. The office of President is exercised in collaboration with the Board of Directors.
- 156 c. The President has the authority to convoke and shall preside at meetings of the  
157 Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Conventions, and Business Meetings of  
158 the Society.
- 159 d. The President shall listen and respond to the interests of the members of the Society  
160 and communicate regularly with them, including by publishing an annual report.
- 161 e. The President, after consultation with the Board of Directors, shall appoint a  
162 qualified person to fill a vacancy in the office of Vice President, Treasurer,  
163 Secretary, or Director for the duration of the remaining unexpired term.
- 164 f. The President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall have the authority  
165 to remove a member of the Board of Directors and appoint a qualified person to  
166 fulfill the unexpired term if said member becomes incapacitated or, after due  
167 warning, remains delinquent in his or her duties.
- 168 g. The President shall perform all other duties of the office of President, as well as  
169 those found elsewhere in this Constitution and in the Bylaws.
- 170 h. A candidate for the office of President is to be in full communion and in good  
171 standing with the Catholic Church, hold a licentiate or doctorate in canon law, have  
172 been an Active member for at least five years, be engaged in the activities of the  
173 Society, and have the leadership skills needed to fulfill the duties of the office, as  
174 specified in this Constitution and in the Bylaws.
- 175 i. The term of the President shall be two years or until a successor is elected. The  
176 current or a former President may be reelected to a second term. No one is eligible  
177 to be President for more than two consecutive terms.
- 178 j. Should the President become incapacitated and unable to resign, the Vice President  
179 shall convene a meeting of the Board of Directors together with the immediate Past-  
180 President to determine whether the office of President should be declared vacant.

- 181 The immediate Past-President shall preside at this meeting but have no vote. If the  
182 immediate Past-President is unavailable, unable, or unwilling to serve, the previous  
183 Past-Presidents, beginning with the most recent, shall be invited in succession until  
184 one is able and willing to preside. The Board of Directors shall determine, by  
185 unanimous vote, whether the office of President shall be declared vacant.
- 186 k. By a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors excluding the President, the  
187 President can be removed for grave cause.
- 188 3. Office of Vice President
- 189 a. The Vice President shall assist the President to further the purposes and mission of  
190 the Society.
- 191 b. It shall especially be the duty of the Vice President to promote new membership in  
192 the Society and to coordinate and evaluate the work of all committees, task forces,  
193 and other established groups.
- 194 c. The Vice President shall represent the Society at the request of the President and  
195 fulfill all other duties entrusted to him or her by the President.
- 196 d. Upon the vacancy of the office of President during a term, the Vice President shall  
197 assume the office of President for the duration of that term, with all corresponding  
198 rights and duties.
- 199 e. A candidate for the office of Vice President is to be in full communion and in good  
200 standing with the Catholic Church, hold a licentiate or doctorate in canon law, have  
201 been an Active member with the Society for at least three years, and have the  
202 leadership skills to assume the office of President, if necessary.
- 203 f. The term of the Vice President shall be two years which are coterminous with the  
204 President or until a successor is elected. No one is eligible to be Vice President for  
205 more than two consecutive terms.
- 206 4. Office of Secretary
- 207 a. The Secretary shall keep Minutes at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at  
208 the Annual Business Meetings.
- 209 b. The Secretary shall also fulfill all additional duties incident to this office as well as  
210 any other duties assigned by the President or specified in the Bylaws.
- 211 c. Before leaving office, the Secretary shall ensure that Minutes and other relevant  
212 documents are suitably prepared for eventual deposit in the archives of the Society.
- 213 d. A candidate for the office of Secretary shall be especially skilled in the duties of  
214 this office and have been an Active member of the Society for at least three years.
- 215 e. The term of the Secretary shall be three years or until a successor is elected.
- 216 5. Office of Treasurer
- 217 a. The Treasurer shall advise the Board of Directors on financial matters affecting the  
218 Society including but not limited to financial oversight, collaborating with staff for  
219 budget management, monitoring cash flow, and financial reporting, especially in  
220 strategic decision-making. The Treasurer also ensures internal controls and legal  
221 compliance are observed as well as collaborating with any firms engaged by the  
222 President for the financial investments, stability, and growth of the Society.
- 223 b. The Treasurer shall also fulfill all additional duties incident to this office, as well  
224 as any other duties assigned by the President or specified in the Bylaws.

- 225 c. A candidate for the office of Treasurer shall be especially skilled in matters of  
226 finance, including budgeting and investments, and have been an Active member of  
227 the Society for at least three years.
- 228 d. The term of the Treasurer shall be four years or until a successor is elected. No one  
229 is eligible to serve as Treasurer for more than two consecutive terms.
- 230 6. Directors
- 231 a. There shall be six Directors who have been Active members of the Society for at  
232 least three years and bring to the Board a variety of canonical experience and  
233 expertise, talents, and skills, so as to further the purposes of the Society. They shall  
234 work in collaboration with the President and other members of the Board.
- 235 b. The Directors shall be assigned specific duties at the discretion of the President and  
236 shall report to the Board of Directors on a regular basis.
- 237 c. The Directors are elected for a term of three years or until their successor is  
238 elected. The terms of these Directors shall be staggered so that two are elected  
239 every year.
- 240 7. Director of Operations
- 241 a. The Director of Operations is an *ex officio* member of the Board of Directors with  
242 the right to speak but not vote.
- 243 8. Executive Committee
- 244 a. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall constitute the Executive Committee.
- 245 b. The Executive Committee, when convoked by the President, is authorized to act for  
246 the good of the Society outside of regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of  
247 Directors **as specifically delegated by the Board of Directors.**
- 248 c. The Executive Committee cannot do the following:
- 249 i. act contrary to:
- 250 1. the purposes of the Society;
- 251 2. decisions previously made by the Membership or by the Board of  
252 Directors;
- 253 3. this Constitution or the Bylaws.
- 254 ii. **fill vacancies on the Board of Directors;**
- 255 iii. **adopt, amend, or repeal Bylaws;**
- 256 iv. **approve any action that laws of the District of Columbia require members**  
257 **to approve.**
- 258 d. The Executive Committee shall **promptly fully** inform the Board of Directors of all  
259 actions it has taken as well as the motivations for those actions.
- 260 e. The working of the Executive Committee is otherwise governed by the Bylaws.
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## 262 **Article VIII — Director of Operations and Office Personnel**

- 263 1. The hiring, retention, and termination of the Director of Operations and other office  
264 personnel shall be at the discretion of the President with the consent of the Board of  
265 Directors.
- 266 2. There shall be a Director of Operations, who:
- 267 a. has familiarity with canon law and is well-versed in non-profit management, and  
268 otherwise meets the qualifications found in this Constitution and the Bylaws.
- 269 b. reports to the Board of Directors and is supervised by the President.
- 270 c. promotes the purposes of the Society.

- d. implements the decisions of the Board.
  - e. supervises the daily functioning of the Office, including the office personnel.
  - f. conducts annual performance evaluations of the office personnel.
3. The President shall conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Director of Operations.
4. The Board of Directors shall create and, as needed, amend an Office Procedural Handbook which governs the administrative operations of the Society.
5. Financial provisions for the operation of the Office of the Society shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors in the annual budget.

## Article IX — Elections

### 1. Elected Positions

- a. The election of the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee shall take place during the Annual Business Meeting.
- b. Each nominee must be an Active or Senior member of the Society and meet the eligibility requirements found in this Constitution and the Bylaws.
- c. Each term shall begin at the close of the Annual Business Meeting at which the election results are announced.
- d. Vacancies in any elected position shall be filled in the manner prescribed by this Constitution and Bylaws.

### 2. Nominating Committee

- a. The Active and Senior members shall elect a Nominating Committee at the Annual Business Meeting which shall be responsible for identifying, vetting, and proposing candidates to the members for election to the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee.
- b. The Nominating Committee shall consist of seven Active or Senior members, who as a group should be broadly representative of the Society's membership.
- c. The term shall be for two years or until a successor is elected.
- d. Elections shall occur every two years and, barring special circumstances, are not to occur in the same year as elections for the President and Vice President.
- e. Elections for the Nominating Committee shall be by plurality vote whereby the seven candidates who receive the most votes are elected.
- f. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes shall convoke the first meeting at which the members of the Nominating Committee elect their Chair.
- g. In the event of a vacancy, the members of the Nominating Committee shall elect a new Chair.
- h. The Chair is responsible for communicating with the Board of Directors.
- i. Members of the Nominating Committee are ineligible to be nominated as candidates for the Board of Directors.
- j. The composition and procedures of this Committee shall be further determined by the Bylaws.

### 3. Nominations Process

- a. Within two months after the close of the Annual Business Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall give Active and Senior members two weeks to recommend possible candidates for the next election.

- b. At least eight months prior to the Annual Business Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall communicate to the members its list of nominees which should be broadly representative of the Society's membership while taking into consideration the existing makeup of the Board of Directors.
  - c. After the Nominating Committee communicates its list of nominees to the members, Active and Senior members shall have two weeks to formally nominate additional candidates for open positions.
  - d. The Nominating Committee shall make sure that any additional proposed candidates meet the eligibility requirements and that they accept the nomination.
  - e. No one may accept nominations for more than one open office. If the acceptance of a nomination leaves another office vacant, the Nominating Committee provides candidates for any vacancies.
  - f. At least four months prior to the Annual Business Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall communicate to the members the final list of nominees.
  - g. In case of necessity, such as when a nominee is no longer able or qualified to be elected, the Nominating Committee shall convene to nominate another candidate.
  - h. Nominations may not be made from the floor during the Annual Business Meeting.
4. Elections Process
- a. At the Annual Business Meeting, the Chair of the Nominating Committee or his/her designee shall present the nominee(s).
  - b. Voting is done by secret ballot and is not allowed by proxy.
  - c. A majority of the votes cast for candidates for the Board of Directors shall determine an election.
  - d. If only one nominee is presented for election, that nominee shall succeed to the office.
  - e. If no candidate receives a majority of votes, the Bylaws shall be consulted.

## Article X — Committees

- 1. For the Nominating Committee, see Article IX — Elections.
- 2. Standing Committees
  - a. The following are the standing committees of the Society, the function of which is defined below and further described in the Bylaws:
    - i. Convention Planning Committee
    - ii. Development Committee
    - iii. Membership Committee
    - iv. Project Development Committee
    - v. Publications Committee
    - vi. Resolutions Committee
    - vii. Resource and Asset Management Committee
  - b. The Convention Planning Committee's function is to recommend to the Board of Directors speakers, topics for major addresses, seminars, and other presentations, to make arrangements for those, and to oversee the planning of all convention liturgies and prayer services.
  - c. The Development Committee's function is to seek outside sources of funding for the Society. The Treasurer is to be a member of this committee.

- 363 d. The Membership Committee's function is to develop proposals for maintaining and  
364 increasing membership as well as encouraging membership participation. The Vice  
365 President is to be a member of this committee.
- 366 e. The Project Development Committee's function is to develop ideas for projects to  
367 be worked-on by members to advance the purposes of the Society.
- 368 f. The Publications Committee's function is to encourage publications and monitor  
369 the progress of those endeavors. It shall consist of a minimum of four Active  
370 members including the Vice President. The Director of Operations shall serve on  
371 the committee *ex officio*.
- 372 g. The Resolutions Committee's function is to solicit, develop, and draft proposed  
373 resolutions which advance the purposes of the Society. It shall consist of a  
374 minimum of three Active members.
- 375 h. The Resource and Asset Management Committee's function is to review and advise  
376 on all financial matters of the Society. This shall include but not be limited to  
377 safeguarding organizational assets, developing a comprehensive budget for the  
378 Society, and overseeing investments in accordance with the criteria established by  
379 the Society. It shall consist of a minimum of three people including the Vice  
380 President and the Treasurer, who shall serve as Chair of this committee.
- 381 i. Standing committees may be assigned other duties at the discretion of the President.
- 382 j. Rights and responsibilities for standing committees are detailed in the Bylaws.
- 383 3. Special Committees and Task Forces
- 384 a. Members and Standing Committees may recommend ideas for projects to the Board  
385 of Directors.
- 386 b. The President shall have discretionary power to appoint such other special  
387 committees and task forces as are needed for the general welfare of the Society,  
388 after consultation with the Board of Directors.
- 389 c. Rights and responsibilities for special committees and task forces are detailed in  
390 their mandate.
- 391 d. Special Committees and Task Forces end at the expiration of their mandate.
- 392 4. Committee Appointments
- 393 a. Members may recommend themselves or other members for service on any  
394 committee.
- 395 b. Chairs and members of standing and special committees are appointed by the  
396 President after consultation with the Board of Directors. The President may appoint  
397 those who are not members of the Society as advisors to committees.
- 398 c. The terms of office for chairs and members shall be three years and may be  
399 renewable for two consecutive terms. New members of each committee shall be  
400 appointed by the President within thirty days after the close of the Annual Business  
401 Meeting.
- 402 d. For communication purposes, a liaison from the Board of Directors shall be  
403 appointed by the President to each standing and special committee except for the  
404 Nominating Committee.
- 405 e. Committee Chairs and members are expected to participate in meetings and work  
406 toward productivity for the benefit of the Society.
- 407 f. The President may remove any committee Chair, member, or liaison in the  
408 following ways:

- i. After consultation with the Board of Directors due to grave negligence in performing one's duties.
- ii. After three unexcused absences from meetings.
- g. In the event of a vacancy of a committee Chair, member, or liaison, the President shall appoint a qualified person to fill that position.
- h. Appointments to and removals from task forces follow the same norms as appointments to committees.

#### **Article XI — Administration of Goods**

1. The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on the first day of July of each year and shall end on the 30th day of June of the following year.
2. Acts of Ordinary Administration are those actions carried out in accordance with the fiscal policies and procedures approved by the Board of Directors.
3. Acts of Extraordinary Administration must be approved by the Board of Directors.
4. Acts of Extraordinary Administration are those that:
  - a. Could adversely affect the financial stability or viability of the Society
  - b. Involve matters that could expose the Society to significant civil liability
  - c. Involve matters that are subject to the Conflict of Interest Policy of the Society
  - d. Involve any expenditure exceeding the amount defined in the Bylaws
5. The Board of Directors shall ensure that there shall be regular financial audits as indicated in the Bylaws.
6. The Bylaws shall determine the procedures for the ordinary and extraordinary Administration of Goods.

#### **Article XII - Civil Matters**

1. The Board of Directors shall ensure that the Articles of Incorporation and all other required documentation are properly filed with the appropriate civil jurisdiction.
2. It is the duty of the Board of Directors to periodically review the Articles of Incorporation and, when needed, propose amendments for approval by the membership.
3. The Society shall maintain appropriate Directors and Officers Insurance for the Board of Directors and staff of the Society.

#### **Article XIII - Definitions**

1. Unless otherwise specified, canonical terms used in this Constitution shall have the meaning ascribed to them as used in *The Code of Canon Law* (CIC) or *The Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* (CCEO), as applicable.
2. The terms "grave cause", "grave negligence", "incapacitated", and "delinquent" shall be defined by the Bylaws.

#### **Article XIV — Amendments**

1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Active and Senior members present and voting, provided:
  - a. That the proposal to amend the Constitution has been filed by an Active or Senior member with the Secretary of the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the Annual Business Meeting of the Society at which that member intends the proposal to be submitted

- 455                   b. That notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to each Active and Senior  
456                   member of the Society by physical or electronic mailing no less than one month in  
457                   advance of that Business Meeting at which the proposal will be voted on  
458        2. Amendments to the Constitution shall become effective at the close of the Business  
459        Meeting at which the amendment was adopted, unless a different effective date has been  
460        specified in the amendment.

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468 OCTOBER 13, 2021, OCTOBER 14, 2026.

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471 Columbia. The Board of Directors of the Society is the Board of Directors of the Corporation, and  
472 members of the corporation are the members of the Society. For further details, contact the  
473 Administrative Office.