

## Proposed changes to GSNH Constitution & Bylaws

The Board of Directors puts forth the following proposed changes to the GSNH Constitution & Bylaws.

Board position on the proposed changes:

- Preparations for the annual election take much of the board's time. We feel that time would be better spent on society business and propose changing the elections to every other year, starting in 2012.
- When the second Vice President position was added to the board it created an even number of board members. Elimination of the Past President position was rejected as that position provides continuity from one board to the next. Elimination of one of the Members-at-Large was rejected as we recognize the need for new board members and the unique role that the Member-at-Large position plays in encouraging members to serve on the board.
- To help guard against the possibility of an entire board change, we propose differing term limits between the Members-at-Large and the other positions.

### CONSTITUTION:

#### **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS.**

GSNH shall hold one Annual Membership Meeting. **Every even numbered year** having the **sole** purpose of electing a Board of Directors, ~~and for such~~ **Other business as may properly come before the meeting may be raised during any Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. Other membership meetings and Board meetings may also be held as deemed desirable by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The officers of GSNH shall be an elected President, Vice President (Society Branch), Vice President (Professional Geologist Branch), Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall consist of the five (5) officers, the immediate Past-President, and the ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** elected Members at Large.

### BYLAWS:

#### **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS.**

A. The officers of GSNH shall be a President, Vice President (Society Branch), Vice President (Professional Geologist Branch), Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers, together with the Past-President and ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** elected Members at Large shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Professional Geologist Vice President and at least one of the Members at Large, must be currently licensed New Hampshire Professional Geologists. In the event there is no Past-President, then an individual will be elected ~~for a term of one (1) year~~ **to complete that term**, by a majority of members present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

B. The officers shall be elected for a term of ~~one year~~ **two (2) years** each. They may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms **in the same office**. The Members-at-Large of the Board of Directors shall ~~be elected for a term of two years each, with their terms staggered and overlapping such that only one Member at Large will be elected each year~~ **not serve for more than two (2) terms in that office**.

#### **ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS.**

A. A committee on nominations, consisting of ~~three~~ **at least two (2)** members shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors no later than the GSNH Board meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. Members of the nomination committee shall serve until the next GSNH Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting.

B. The nomination committee shall solicit nominations for the five (5) elected officers and the ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** members at large, except the Past President, with the deadline for nominations being four (4) weeks before the Annual Meeting. The nomination committee shall publish a list of nominees at least three (3) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.