

Summary of 2026 Proposed SSH Bylaws changes

- ❖ Formatting changes only have not been included in the summary table – only substantial changes to bylaw content
- ❖ The 2025 Bylaws are in the first column
- ❖ Proposed amendments are listed in the second column
- ❖ Rationale for change are listed in the third column

2025 Approved Bylaws	2026 Proposed Change	Rationale
<p>Article V. Board of Directors, Section 3 Composition: 5.18 Officer Eligibility Requirements</p> <p>A nominee for the Board of Directors must have been an active member of the Society for at least two (2) consecutive years. This requirement may be waived by vote of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Article V. Board of Directors, Section 3 Composition: 5.18 Officer Eligibility Requirements</p> <p>A nominee for the Board of Directors must have been an active member of the Society for at least two (2) consecutive years. This requirement may be waived by 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors.</p>	Added a descriptor to the “vote of BoD” to clarify majority or 2/3 majority
<p>Article V. Board of Directors, Section 3 Composition: 6.2 Directors at Large: Eligibility Requirements</p> <p>The Corporate representative will be a one (1) year appointment to be served by the Chair of the Corporate Roundtable or a representative selected by the Corporate Roundtable and approved by the Executive Committee. No person shall serve consecutively for more than two years.</p>	<p>Article V. Board of Directors, Section 3 Composition: 6.2 Directors at Large: Eligibility Requirements</p> <p>The Corporate representative will be a two (2) year appointment to be served by the Chair of the Corporate Roundtable or a representative selected by the Corporate Roundtable and approved by the Executive Committee. No person shall serve consecutively for more than two years or one term as Chair of Corporate Roundtable unless approved by 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors.</p>	The CR has transitioned to a 2-year term for their Chair of CR, which would then transition the appointment to a two year term on the BoD.
<p>Article V. Board of Directors, Section 5 Resignations, Removal, Vacancies & Appointments: 5.3.1 Vacancies</p> <p>In the Event of a vacant position on the Board of Directors, the President, with majority approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint an eligible Society member to fill the position for the remainder of the original term of the position.</p>	<p>Article V. Board of Directors, Section 5 Resignations, Removal, Vacancies & Appointments: 5.3.1 Vacancies</p> <p>In the Event of a vacant position on the Board of Directors, the President, with majority approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint an eligible Society member to fill the position for the remainder of the original term of the position. In the event a vacancy is due to the results of an election, this shall be considered an appointment. See 4.1.</p>	Added clarifying language to include when a vacancy is created by an election, this would be considered an appointment. Bylaws were previously silent on this item.

<p>Article VII. Advisory Panel</p> <p>The purpose of the Advisory Panel shall be to provide advice, information, and make recommendations to the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) Board of Directors on matters that are consistent with the mission and vision of the Society.</p> <p>The panel shall be comprised of former members of the Board of Directors who are in current good standing with the Society</p>	<p>Removed Article from Bylaws</p>	<p>Recommendation to sunset the Advisory Panel</p> <p>Mission and Vision of Advisory Panel is met in other ways through the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. The Governance Committee agrees with the collective wisdom of the SSH Past Presidents and Board members and the ability for the current Board or Presidents to reach out for advice or information at any time. However, do not feel it needs to be a formalized panel in the current purpose.</p>
<p>Article VII. Official Publications</p> <p>Section 1 - Journal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The official publication of the Society shall be Simulation in Healthcare (also referred to as "The Journal") 2. Editor-in-Chief (EIC) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. The editor-in-chief's responsibilities are as outlined in Society Policy and in the EIC Contract of Employment. 2.2. The Board of Directors shall appoint the editor-in-chief, and the Board of Directors shall ratify the contract between the editor-in-chief and the Society. 2.3. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to direct the editor-in-chief in accordance with the Society's philosophy and goals. Should a question of authority over Journal-related decisions be in dispute between the Board of Directors and the editor-in-chief, the Board of Directors shall prevail. 3. SIH Editorial Board <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. The editorial board for the Journal shall be the SIH Editorial Board. 3.2. The Society's Board of Directors shall approve additional and replacement SIH Editorial Board members from among nominees proposed by the editor-in-chief. 	<p>Article VIII. Official Publications</p> <p>Section 1 - Journal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The official publication of the Society shall be Simulation in Healthcare (also referred to as "The Journal") 2. Editor-in-Chief (also referred to as EIC) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. The EIC's responsibilities are as outlined in Society Policy and in the EIC Contract of Employment. 2.2. The Board of Directors shall appoint the EIC, and the Board of Directors shall ratify the contract between the EIC and the Society. 2.3. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to direct the EIC in matters of financial stewardship in accordance with the Society's approved policies. All decision regarding publication content and review for scholarly merit shall lie solely with the EIC 3. SIH Editorial Board <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. The editorial board for the Journal shall be the SIH Editorial Board. 3.2. The EIC shall appoint additional and replacement members of the SIH Editorial Board from among nominees solicited by the EIC, in consultation with Associate Editors. Appointment shall be reported to the Society's Board of Directors at the next regular meeting 	<p>Edited to reflect EiC responsibilities of editorial content and separation from BoD responsibilities. The EIC holds decision making capabilities for all journal editorial content, while the BoD responsibilities are to evaluate EiC, ratify contract, and direct EiC in matters of financial stewardship in accordance with the Society's approved policies</p>

<p>3.3. The editor-in-chief is responsible for the activities of the Editorial Board and may appoint associate editors from the ranks of the Editorial Board.</p>	<p>3.3. The EIC shall appoint associate editors, associate editor-in-chief(s), and emeritus editor(s) as needed to conduct the business of the journal. All such appointments carrying a financial stipend must subsequently be approved by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>3.4. The editor-in-chief is responsible for the activities of the Editorial Board, associate editors, associate editor-in-chief(s), and emeritus editor(s).</p>	
<p>NEW ARTICLE – No Previous language in Bylaws</p>	<p>Article XI: International Liaison Council on Simulation (ILCOS)</p> <p>The International Liaison Council on Simulation, a Council of the SSH, shall be responsible for conducting ongoing reviews of available evidence that encompass the breadth of simulation research, developing and updating evidence-based reviews of science using rigorous consensus processes, and disseminating syntheses of the available scientific evidence to the larger simulation community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The International Liaison Council on Simulation shall be solely responsible for decisions involving membership, areas of research focus, research and consensus methodology, quality of evidence, and final content of all its products. 2. The International Liaison Council on Simulation shall have the capacity to incorporate members from other simulation-related organizations who are not SSH members as needed to assure adequate representation of differing fields and perspectives. 3. The International Liaison Council on Simulation shall create and submit an annual budget proposal to the Board of Directors and the SSH Board shall have responsibility for financial decisions and final approval of funding that provide resources to conduct the work of the council. 	<p>New council proposal for inclusion in Bylaws</p>