

At the meeting of the IBMS Board of Directors, September 15, 2007 the Board unanimously approved two changes to the IBMS Bylaws. The changes are technical in nature and refine the governance procedures of the Society. The changes were unanimously approved by the membership of IBMS on October 15, 2007.

### **IBMS Bylaws Amendments**

#### 1. Section 7.a.iv - Elections

- a. Original Provision: *Prior to each biennial international meeting of IBMS, election shall take place to replace those members of the Board of Directors completing their terms.* A slate of candidates shall be selected by a Nominating Committee from all members in good standing of IBMS and submitted to the membership by mail or email ballot. Directors shall be elected by a majority of the members voting. The Nominating Committee will certify to the validity of nominations and will assure that geographical distribution of members is maintained as stated under Article 7(a)(i). *Elected members will assume their duties at the end of the next regularly constituted international conference following the election. Ballots shall be preserved at the IBMS headquarters for a period of at least one (1) year.*
- b. New Provision: *IBMS elections shall take place on an annual basis to replace those members of the Board of Directors completing their terms.* A slate of candidates shall be selected by a Nominating Committee from all members in good standing of IBMS and submitted to the membership by mail or email ballot. Directors shall be elected by a majority of the members voting. The Nominating Committee will certify to the validity of nominations and will assure that geographical distribution of members is maintained as stated under Article 7(a)(i). *Elected members will assume their duties on June 30<sup>th</sup> in the year of the election.* Ballots shall be preserved at the IBMS headquarters for a period of at least one (1) year.

#### 2. Section 7.a.vii. - Voting

- a. Original Provision: *Every member of the Board of Directors, including the Editor-in-Chief and other ex-officio members, shall have one vote.* The absent members might vote in advance by proxy. Voting by mail, email or fax ballot shall be possible for important matters that require immediate attention and cannot wait until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.
- b. New Provision: Every elected member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote. *Ex-officio members of the Board shall be non-voting*

*members.* The absent members might vote in advance by proxy. Voting by mail, email or fax ballot shall be possible for important matters that require immediate attention and cannot wait until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

3. Section 7.b.iiPara.2. – Executive committee

- a. Original Provision: The Members of the Executive Committee, who are not elected Members of the Board, shall also be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.
- b. New Provision: Original Provision - Deleted.