

Proposed Amendment to SRQG Bylaws dated August 5, 2001

At the March Board meeting, your Executive Board voted to bring to the Membership for approval the following amendment of the Bylaws, requesting that the term limits for elected officers be increased from 2 terms to 3 terms:

Article VI, Section C

"Tenure No officer may be elected for more than ~~2~~ 3 consecutive terms in the same office."

Explanation: The elected officers are: President, Vice-President, Program Chair, Program Chair-Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. Term limits are still a beneficial practice, as they prevent any single prevailing attitude from becoming entrenched. However, in the case of the lengthy learning curve for Treasurer, and the difficulty with filling the position, a third consecutive term would be an advantage for the Guild. The Executive Board could identify no downside to this moderate change in term limits. As with the 2-term limit, there is no obligation on the part of any elected officer to remain in position for more than a single term.

Explanation of Bylaw Amendment procedure: The SRQG Bylaws provide that the Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting or special meeting, by majority vote of the active membership. The proposed amendment must be announced at a meeting prior to the voting meeting, and written notice shall be made to the active membership at that time and in advance of the vote. It is anticipated that the vote will occur at the April 19 meeting.