

## **Proposed By-Laws Amendment**

The following by-law changes have been proposed for WNYGS members to consider and vote on at the upcoming September Member Meeting. The amendment calls for an updated Secretary position that consolidates the responsibilities of the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

Amendment #1 was proposed by the By-Laws and Policies Committee and approved for consideration by the WNYGS Board in accordance with the Society's By-Laws.

The following serves as official notice to the Membership of the proposed amendment and the planned vote at the start of the Member Meeting on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library – Central Branch, Buffalo, New York. Amendment of the by-laws requires a two-thirds vote by members present.

Notes: For your reading ease, the language to be added is italicized. Language to be stricken is indicated by strikethrough.

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### **Amendment #1 – Secretary**

Rationale: This proposed amendment consolidates the responsibilities of the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary into an updated Secretary board position and thereby:

- incorporates current best practices for small non-profit boards
- reflects the greater access and efficiency that new and enhanced technologies provide.

Specific Language:

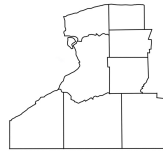
By-laws: ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Officers

The Officers shall be President, Vice-President, *Secretary*, ~~Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary~~, Treasurer and Registrar. The Officers shall serve a term of two years. The term of office shall begin on January 1st.

By-laws: ARTICLE VII - FINANCE

Approval of two of the following, President, ~~Recording Secretary~~, Treasurer, or Registrar, shall be required to withdraw funds from the Society's investment accounts.



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## By-laws: ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

### Section 2 - ~~Recording~~ Secretary

The ~~Recording~~ Secretary shall record and present the minutes of each meeting of the Board and of the Annual Election Meeting, and shall be responsible for the permanent files of the Society.

### Section 3 - ~~Corresponding~~ Secretary

The ~~Corresponding~~ Secretary shall *also* be responsible for correspondence directed to him/her by the Society or assigned by the President or the Board.

## By-laws: ARTICLE X - EXECUTIVE BOARD

### Section 4 - Meetings

There shall be a minimum of four (4) Board meetings per year, and at such other times as shall be deemed necessary by the President. A meeting shall be held at the request of three or more Board members to the President. Notice of meetings shall be given by the ~~Recording~~ Secretary.