



To: RSC Members  
From: Sheila Embleton, Secretary  
Subject: Text of Proposed By-law Amendments  
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At its meetings of April 30, 2018, Council passed two motions endorsing the text of proposed by-law amendments. In the first instance, the Council passed a motion endorsing the recommendation from the Governance and Ethics Committee that the mandate of the RSC President and Academy Presidents be changed from two years to three years.

By-law 21 currently reads:

Unless otherwise specified by the Council, the officers of the RSC shall have the following duties and powers associated with their positions:

- (a) President - The President shall be elected by the Members. The President shall be a Fellow. The office of Presidency shall rotate among the Academies in turn. Following election by the Members, the individual elected to the office of President shall serve a term of one (1) year as President-Elect. Upon assuming the office of President thereafter, the term of President shall be for two (2) years. Following the holding of office for the two (2) year term, the outgoing President shall serve a term of one (1) year as Past President and shall be an officer of the RSC. At the conclusion of this one (1) year term of office, the Past President shall retain the title for one (1) additional year.

[...]

The proposed amendment to by-law 21 reads as follows:

Unless otherwise specified by the Council, the officers of the RSC shall have the following duties and powers associated with their positions:

- (a) President- The President shall be elected by the Members. The President shall be a Fellow. The office of Presidency shall rotate among the Academies in turn. Following election by the Members, the individual elected to the office of President shall serve a term of one (1) year as President-Elect. Upon assuming the office of the President thereafter, the term of the President shall be for three (3) years.

[...]

In the second instance, the Council passed a motion endorsing the recommendation from the Governance and Ethics Committee that By-law 10 be amended.

By-law 10 reads:

#### 10. Termination of Membership

A membership in the RSC is terminated when:

- (a) The member dies;
- (b) The member resigns by delivering a written resignation to the President of the Council in which case such resignation shall be effective on the date specified in the resignation;
- (c) The member's term of membership expires.



The Council of the Society may terminate the membership of a Fellow or Member of the College if: a) The Fellow or Member is convicted of a serious crime; b) The Fellow or Member has been found by an external body to have engaged in serious misconduct, such as, but not limited to, deliberate plagiarism or falsification of data; (The Society shall not normally become involved in the investigation of such offences.)

[...]

**The proposed amendment to By-law 10 reads as follows:**

#### 10. Consideration For and Termination of Membership

A membership in the RSC is terminated when:

- (a) The member dies;
- (b) The member resigns by delivering a written resignation to the President of the Council in which case such resignation shall be effective on the date specified in the resignation;
- (c) The member's term of membership expires.

The Council of the Society may terminate or refuse to proceed with the nomination for membership of a Fellow or Member of the College if: a) The Fellow or Member has been convicted of a serious crime; b) The Fellow or Member has been found by an official body to have engaged in serious misconduct, such as, but not limited to, deliberate plagiarism or falsification of data, harassment, or sexual misconduct; (The Society shall not normally become involved in the investigation of such offences.)