Vote to Amend LAUNC-CH Bylaws

Hello LAUNC-CH members,

At the annual business meeting in June, the LAUNC-CH Executive Board proposed a couple of minor amendments to our bylaws.

1) We suggested changing the name of the Publications Committee to the Communications Committee and changing the charge of the committee to include “other communication media”.

2) We suggested changing the bylaws to allow flexibility in scheduling the Research Forum. Presently the bylaws specify that the Research Forum is held in May. We suggest changing that to Spring. This change requires changing “May” to “Spring” in three places in the bylaws.

There are two questions in this survey. Thank you for your participation.

1) Proposed Amendment to LAUNC-CH Bylaws section VIII.1.1.5. This amendment changes the name of the Publications Committee to the Communications Committee, and expands the charge of the committee to include the maintenance of other communication media (in addition to the LAUNC-CH website).

The specific change follows, with text to be removed displayed in strikethrough font and text to be added displayed in bold italics:

Publications Committee: To maintain the official LAUNC-CH website and other communication media.

☐ I approve this amendment.

☐ I do not approve this amendment.
2) Proposed Amendments to LAUNC-CH Bylaws sections VIII.3.2 and V.2.
These amendments change the date of the Research Forum from May to Spring. The Research Forum is when Executive Board nominations are announced, so this change must be made in three places in the bylaws. The sections follow, with proposed amendments included. Text to be removed is displayed in strikethrough font, and text to be added is shown in bold italics.

VIII. COMMITTEES.
3. Nominating:
1. Membership. The Nominating Committee shall consist of four (4) members. The V-P/P-Elect will serve as Chair and, in consultation with the President, shall appoint 3 members to the committee.

2. Duties. This Committee is charged with two responsibilities: 1) selection of at least one (1) candidate for each of the offices of Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association; and 2) supervision of the election including preparation, distribution, and counting of ballots. The nomination committee’s slate shall be presented at the Research Forum in May, at which time additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. At least ten (10) days prior to the June meeting ballots will be mailed to all eligible members of the Association, either in paper form or by online voting. The online voting will be open for at least one (1) business week. The committee will receive paper ballots by return mail, or will view election results online. Results will be announced at the Association's June meeting.

V.
2. Terms of Office. Officers of this Association shall be nominated by the membership in May, Election results will be announced at the annual June business meeting and officer shall serve for one year beginning at the adjournment of the June meeting. The Vice-President/President-Elect shall serve for one year after election in the capacity of Vice-President and shall automatically assume the office of President in the following year. EXCEPTION: In order to ensure greater fiscal continuity, the Treasurer of this association shall serve a term of two years, and nominations for this office shall take place every other May. EXCEPTION: The Vice-President/President-Elect may assume the office of President prior to completion of one-year term as Vice-President/President-Elect if the President cannot fulfill his/her year as President. See section V.3.

☐ I approve these amendments.

☐ I do not approve these amendments.