

Proposed By-Law changes for 2017 ballot:

[By-laws not mentioned below will be left as they stand. In what follows, deletions are in blue and additions in red]

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Society seeks a broad membership reflecting interest in all aspects of Ibsen's life and work, **in the historical and contemporary performance of his plays, and in scholarship on Ibsen across the academic disciplines.**
3. Membership shall be divided into the following categories: Regular, Student, ~~Sponsor~~, Institutional, and Honorary. Dues for the Student members shall be ~~one-half~~ **reasonably discounted below the rate of** dues for Regular Members. ~~Sponsor member status is based on the making of a financial contribution to the Society above regular dues.~~
6. ~~The membership year is from March 1 to the end of the following February. The treasurer shall send written notification to the members when dues are due and shall send a second notification to those members who have not renewed their membership by May 1.~~ **Membership dues are handled on a staggered annual basis through the website, with expiration dates coming on the anniversaries of the individual registration. Lapsed members lose access to the members-only portion of the website.**

ARTICLE ~~IV~~ VI. OFFICERS

5. The Treasurer collects and supervises the funds of the Society, keeping or causing to be kept complete and accurate records of receipts and disbursements ~~in books belonging to~~ **relating to the business of** the Society. He or she is responsible for ~~the collection of membership dues in accordance with Article IV, item 6.~~ **supervising the collection of dues and donations through the ISA website.** He or she reports to the Council at each of its meetings, prepares an annual written report of the financial condition of the Society, ~~distributes or arranges to have this report distributed to the membership of the Society prior to the annual business meeting,~~ and presents the substance of this report to those attending the annual business meeting. **ISA members who are unable to attend the ISA Business Meeting may request a copy of the financial report from the Treasurer at any time.**
7. Terms for the officers are four years **and commence at the conclusion of the annual meeting at SASS.** Officers ~~They~~ may be elected to ~~one~~ additional consecutive terms in the same office. ~~(Exceptionally, in the 2003 election, the Secretary and the Treasurer will be elected to a two-year term.)~~ **Elections will be conducted online in January of the year in which the current officer term ends. Members will have 60 days from the date the balloting opens to respond online. Officer positions, when contested, shall be decided by a simple majority vote.**

ARTICLE VII. COUNCIL

1. The governance of the Society shall inhere in the Council, which shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor of the annual publication, and ~~six~~ four Members-at-Large, including one Graduate Student Representative appointed by the ISA President in consultation with the Council. As an appointee, the Graduate Student Representative may be replaced off-cycle from the regular elections.
2. Members-at-Large of the Council are elected for four-year terms and may serve ~~one~~ additional terms consecutively. (~~Exceptionally, in the 2003 election, three members will be elected to a two-year term.~~) They are elected according to the provisions for the election of officers in Article VI, items 7 and 8. In contested elections for Members-At-Large, a joint slate of candidates will be presented and those who have received the highest overall vote totals will fill the available slots. Should an elected Member-at-Large vacate his or her position, the vacancy may be filled for the remainder of the term by the President, with the approval of the Council.
5. The ISA President will appoint one of the Members-at-Large on the Council to serve as Webmaster for the duration of his or her term. The Webmaster is the contact person responsible for posting new content, updating the *Ibsen News and Comment* presentation on the website, and maintaining other features of the website.

ARTICLE IX. FISCAL POLICY

1. The fiscal year shall extend from ~~March~~ April 1 to the end of the following ~~February~~ March.