

Summary of 2026 changes to the LAA Constitution and By-Laws

- 1) TITLE: Change title from Constitution and By-Laws to By-Laws
 - Unlike the school constitution and by-laws, this document only has one part. This is a common name.
- 2) PREAMBLE: Added date to the preamble.
 - This is common.
- 3) ARTICLE III: Expanded information regarding membership
 - Clarified types of membership
- 4) ARTICLE V: Expanded information in the Annual Association Meeting section
 - Expanded information regarding the purpose of the meeting, notification process, and quorum.
 - Added the parliamentary authority.
- 5) ARTICLE VI: Combined the Elected Officers article with the Duties of Officers article
 - Makes more sense together
- 6) ARTICLE VI: Added four new officers: Coordinator of Events and Recreational Activities, Coordinator of Fundraising and Resource Development, Coordinator of Communication and Public Relations, and Historian.
 - These officers will have full time focus on their areas of responsibility.
- 7) ARTICLE VI: Added roles and expanded responsibilities for every Executive Board member
 - Clarification and confirmation of duties.
- 8) ARTICLE VII: Added detailed meeting information in the Executive Board article.
 - Expanded information regarding the purpose of the meeting, notification process, and quorum.
 - Added information regarding setting the schedule of regular meetings, calling special meetings, cancelling meetings.
 - Added the parliamentary authority.
- 9) ARTICLE VIII: Clarified language regarding finances
 - Clarified language regarding fiscal year and authorization of expenditures.
- 10) ARTICLE IX: Expanded requirements for amendments to the By-Laws
 - This will allow time for the Executive Board to review or have reviewed before presentation at the annual Association meeting.
- 11) ARTICLE X: Added language for what happens at closure of the school.
- 12) ARTICLE XI: Added an article regarding the authority by which the Association operates.
- 13) Reordered articles.
 - This was done for clarity.

14) Parliamentarian

- Recommendation to the Executive Board: In line with the action taken by the association in 2023, the executive board should approve the position of parliamentarian as a non-elected, non-voting position that serves to advise the president and/or presiding officer of the annual Association meeting and the Executive Board meetings. Accordingly, for each presidential term, the president would fill the position of Parliamentarian by appointing a person, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, to fulfill the roles and responsibilities outlined in Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised (Section 47:46-55, pp. 443-445 [12th edition]). The term of the Parliamentarian shall be concurrent with the tenure of the President who made the appointment.