

Notice of Proposed Amendment to Bylaws and Constitution

In accordance with the bylaws and constitution of the Southern New England Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SNEC-SWCS), notice is hereby given that the following constitutional and bylaw amendments will be considered at the membership meeting to be held during the Winter Conference on March 22, 2019 in Berlin, CT. Members in good standing may vote at this meeting, or written votes will be accepted until April 15, 2019. Counting of the ballots will be completed by the Chapter Secretary and announced at the next Board of Directors meeting. Amendments will be posted to the SNEC-SWCS website.

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

Amendment 1: Constitution of Southern New England Chapter SWCS

Current Constitution	Constitution with Amendments <small>Words inserted or added are in red Words removed are highlighted in yellow</small>	RATIONALE
<p>Article 9, Section 2:</p> <p>Ten members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Chapter.</p>	<p>Ten <u>percent of</u> members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for trans-action of business at a meeting of the Chapter.</p>	<p>With the reduction in size of chapter membership, it is very unusual to hold a meeting with 10 members. Current chapter membership is approximately</p>

Amendment 2: By-laws of Southern New England Chapter SWCS

Current Bylaw	Bylaw with Amendments <small>Words inserted or added are in red Words removed are highlighted in yellow</small>	RATIONALE
<p>10. Nomination and Election Procedure (a) The annual election of officers and of elective members of the Board shall be held by mail Ballots will be distributed to the membership at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting, and must be received by the Secretary or Secretary/ Treasurer, and will be counted by the Board or a committee appointed by the Board 5 business days prior to the Annual Meeting.</p>	<p>10. Nomination and Election Procedure (a) The annual election of officers and of elective members of the Board shall be <u>held online or</u> by mail. Ballots will be distributed to the membership at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting, and must be received by the Secretary or Secretary/ Treasurer, and will be counted by the Board or a committee appointed by the Board 5 business days prior to the Annual Meeting.</p>	<p>Allowing for electronic voting - either over email, or through a secure page would encourage more members to cast votes for board members in the annual election. The method would be chosen to ensure that only members are allowed to vote, and members are only allowed to cast a single vote each.</p>

Southern New England Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society – Constitution Amendment
Proposal Ballot

Indicate your vote by marking the corresponding box:

- YES** **I approve the amendment to the constitution to change the quorum for transaction of business at a member meeting from 10 members to 10% of the membership**
- NO** **I do not approve the amendment to the constitution to change the quorum for transaction of business at a member meeting from 10 members to 10% of the membership**

Southern New England Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society – By-Law Amendment
Proposal Ballot

Indicate your vote by marking the corresponding box:

- YES** **I approve the amendment to the by-laws to allow for electronic voting, as well as voting by mail, for the purpose of the annual election of board members**
- NO** **I do not approve the amendment to the by-laws to allow for electronic voting, as well as voting by mail for purpose of the the annual election of board members**

Signature

Date

Print Name

Return this Ballot by April 15, 2019 to:

**Carol Grasis
Secretary, SNEC SWCS
15 Vinetta Drive
Vernon, CT 06066**