

PERLOC has reviewed and proposed a number of amendments to its bylaws. These changes aim to make the bylaws more transparent and to reflect the current goals of PERLOC.

Summary of proposed amendments:

- An additional objective to reflect the PERTG's dedication to inclusive professional spaces for the PER community
- Clarified and expanded the election procedures
- Clarified the schedule of PERTG and PERLOC meetings
- Clarified and expanded the PERTG voting procedures (including how to amend the bylaws), with considerations for fair voting
- Ensured integration of the new Graduate student councillor throughout the bylaws
- Improved minor grammar, punctuation, and acronym definitions throughout

A detailed list of these changes is below. The original bylaws can be found at:

<http://www.compadre.org/per/pertg/Program.cfm?ID=712> and the proposed amended bylaws can be found at: <http://www.compadre.org/PER/programs/files/PERLOCBylawsUpdated.pdf>

You can provide us with feedback on these proposed bylaws by visiting:

<https://goo.gl/forms/3TsKXczLwTgE9tIP2>

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Detailed substantive changes are listed below for each article (not including minor grammar, punctuation, and acronym definition changes).

#### **Article I - Name**

- None

#### **Article II - Objective**

- Added objective 6 to reflect PERTG's dedication to inclusive professional spaces for the PER community

#### **Article III - Membership**

- Replaced mentions of the "Organizing Council" (which has not yet been defined) with "these Bylaws".

#### **Article IV - Governing Body**

- Added a new Section 1 ("Name") to define the name of the PERTG governing body.
- Expanded the old Section 1 ("Governance") into a new Section 2 ("Scope and Responsibilities") that more explicitly lays out the responsibilities of PERLOC to include overseeing the PERC, managing PERTG finances, communicating with PERTG members, and ensuring that the Bylaws are followed.

- Expanded the old Section 2 (“Composition”) to define the term “Councilor,” clarify the distinction between elected Councilors and the ex-officio Councilor, and include a graduate student Councilor.
- Rewrote the old Section 3 (“Organizing Council Meetings”) to
  - Increase the frequency of PERLOC meetings to monthly
  - Require that two of these meetings happen at the AAPT Summer and Winter meetings and that the others be virtual
  - Define a process for meetings to be canceled if necessary
  - Clarify that PERLOC meetings are closed to PERLOC or by invitation
  - Move information about chairing meetings and quorum elsewhere
- Added a new Section 5 (“Official Year”) to define PERLOC’s official year (this was formerly Article VI.5).
- Added a new Section 6 (“Quorum and Votes”) to define quorum for PERLOC meetings and procedures for conducting votes at PERLOC meetings.

#### **Article V - Officers**

- Streamlined Section 2 (“Duties of the Chair”), including moving information about Committees to Article VII and removing information about meetings.
- Removed discussion of the “Business Meeting” from Section 4 (“Duties of the Treasurer”) to be consistent with changes to Article VIII.

#### **Article VI - Election and Tenure of Councilors and Officers**

- Added qualifications for the graduate student Councilor to Section 1 (“Qualifications”).
- Renamed Section 2 (“Term”) and added a description of the term of the graduate student Councilor
- Rewrote and expanded Section 3 (“Election of Councilors”) heavily to clarify the election process and align it with current practice.
- Modified Section 4 (“Selection of Officers”) to indicate that the previous Vice Chair becomes the new chair at the start of the new Official Year and to clarify procedures for selecting the rest of the Officers.
- Moved old Section 5 (“Official Year”) to Article IV.

**The old Bylaws skipped Article VII. The revised Bylaws correct this error by renumbering the subsequent Articles.**

#### **Article VII - Committees**

- Reversed the order of Sections 1 and 2 (“Standing Committees” and “Ad Hoc Committees”).
- Expanded both Sections 1 and 2 to clarify how Standing and Ad Hoc Committees may be formed, whether they need to be approved by PERLOC, how they continue to exist, and how they may be dissolved.
- Added Section 3 (“Membership”) to indicate who may serve as a member or as a chair of a PERLOC Committee.

### **Article VIII - PERTG Meetings**

- Combined and shortened Sections 1 and 2 into a new Section 1 (“Town Hall”) that defined the PERTG Town Hall meetings as it is currently conducted at AAPT Summer and Winter Meetings.
- Indicated in Section 2 (“Other Meetings”) that PERLOC may also sponsor “special conferences.”

### **Article IX - PERTG Dues**

- Added a sentence indicating that “PERLOC shall make reasonable efforts to minimize the amount of dues for student members.”

**The original Article XI (“Official Announcements”) has become part of Article IV.2**

**The original Article XII (“Procedure for Amendment of Bylaws”) has been split into Articles X and XI. Article X now defines procedures for PERTG to vote on any matter, and Article XI provides specific modifications to Article X for amending the Bylaws.**

- Note: previously no procedure for making decisions via a PERTG vote was outlined other than for amending the bylaws.

### **Article X - PERTG Votes**

- Working from the procedure for amending bylaws, created a general procedure for PERTG voting
- Changed several aspects of the PERTG vote procedure:
  - Changed the requirement for the number of signatures required on a petition to hold a vote from 10% of PERTG members to 20 PERTG members, so that it is easier for people who are not well-connected in the PER community to be able to propose votes
  - Removed the ability for PERTG to vote at the “Business Session,” because that would disenfranchise anyone not present.
  - Indicated that a vote shall require a majority of those who voted to be approved.
  - Added the requirement that at least 25% of the PERTG membership must participate in the vote in order for it to count.

### **Article XI - Amendment of Bylaws**

- Defined “Amendment” and indicated that an Amendment vote shall proceed as outlined in Article X except that approval shall require two-thirds of those who vote.