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VAMLIS Bylaw Revisions

Purpose: The purpose of this organization is to bring together those individuals and organizations concerned with mapping, land information systems, and geographic information systems in the Commonwealth of Virginia.		
	<i>Current</i>	<i>Revision</i>
Section 1	To encourage a high standard of professionalism to more effectively serve the public.	NA
Section 2	To promote the free exchange of knowledge and information among individuals and organizations interested in mapping and land/geographic information systems.	NA
Section 3	To promote educational, instructional, communication, and legislative programs to further advance mapping and land/geographic information systems knowledge, concepts, techniques and projects.	NA
Section 4	To provide advice and assistance to federal, state, and local agencies and private and institutional organizations in the areas of mapping and land/geographic information systems.	NA
Section 5	To cooperate with and work with allied associations at the national, state and local levels in developing and promoting classifications, standards, communication programs, educational programs and legislative programs.	NA
Section 6	To encourage and offer membership to any individual or organization interested in mapping and land/geographic information systems.	NA
Section 7	To encourage participation in association activities and non-association activities involved in mapping and land/geographic information systems.	NA
Section 8	To become the primary association within the Commonwealth of Virginia for mapping and land/geographic information systems.	NA
Article IV Membership		
Section 1: Charter Members	Any person regularly employed or interested in the field of cartography, surveying, engineering, land information systems, geographic information systems, photogrammetry, geography, map drafting, geodesy, land records management, or related field who applied for membership in the Association on or before December 31, 1990. Charter members are entitled to voting rights, general member benefits, and eligibility to serve on the Executive Council.	Dissolved
Section 2: Individual Members	Any person regularly employed or interested in the field of cartography, surveying, engineering, land information systems, geographic information systems, photogrammetry, geography, map drafting, geodesy, land records management, or related field who applies for membership in the Association on or after January 1, 1991. Individual members are entitled to voting rights, general member benefits, and eligibility to serve on the Executive Council.	NA



<p>Section 3: Group Membership <i>(revised section title)</i></p> <p>Unlimited Government Platinum Membership</p>	<p>Any local, state, federal public or private organization or institution that has an interest in cartography, surveying, engineering, land information systems, geographic information systems, photogrammetry, geography, map drafting, geodesy, land records management, or related field and supports the objectives of the Association. Unlimited Government Platinum members are entitled to no more than ten (15) voting members and unlimited non-voting members. Voting members must be identified at the time of membership and are entitled to general member benefits and eligibility to serve on the Executive Council. Non-voting members are entitled to general member benefits.</p>	<p>Group Memberships: Any local, state, federal public or private organization or institution that has an interest in cartography, surveying, engineering, land information systems, geographic information systems, photogrammetry, geography, map drafting, geodesy, land records management, or related field and supports the objectives of the Association. The Executive Council shall establish the group memberships, that are, by definition, perpetual memberships. All membership groups may be established or dissolved by the Executive Council at any time.</p>
<p>Limited Government Gold Membership:</p>	<p>Limited Government Gold Membership: Any local, state, federal public or private organization or institution that has an interest in cartography, surveying, engineering, land information systems, geographic information systems, photogrammetry, geography, map drafting, geodesy, land records management, or related field and supports the objectives of the Association. Gold Membership consists of No more than five fifteen (15) voting members and unlimited non-voting members. individuals may be designated by the Government Member to serve as representatives to the Association. Limited Government members are entitled to voting rights, general member benefits, and eligibility to serve on the Executive Council. Voting members must be identified at the time of membership and are entitled to general member benefits and eligibility to serve on the Executive Council. Non-voting members are entitled to general member benefits.</p>	<p><i>**Unlimited Government Platinum Limited Government Gold, Unlimited Corporate Silver, Limited Corporate Bronze dissolved.</i></p>
<p>Unlimited Corporate Silver Membership:</p>	<p>Any public or private organization or institution that has an interest in cartography, surveying, engineering, land information systems, geographic information systems, photogrammetry, geography, map drafting, geodesy, land records management, or related field and supports the objectives of the Association. Unlimited Corporate Silver members are entitled to no more than ten (10) voting members and unlimited fifteen (15) non-voting members. Voting members must be identified at the time of membership and are entitled to general member benefits and eligibility to serve on the Executive Council. Non-voting members are entitled to general member benefits.</p>	



Limited Corporate Bronze Membership:	Any public or private organization or institution that has an interest in cartography, surveying, engineering, land information systems, geographic information systems, photogrammetry, geography, map drafting, geodesy, land records management, or related field and supports the objectives of the Association. No more than five Bronze Membership consist of five (5) voting members and five (5) non-voting members. Individuals may be designated by the Corporate Member to serve as representatives to the Association. Limited Corporate members are entitled to voting rights, general member benefits, and eligibility to serve on the Executive Council Voting members must be identified at the time of membership and are entitled to general member benefits and eligibility to serve on the Executive Council. Non-voting members are entitled to general member benefits.	
Section 4: Student Membership	Any full-time student studying in the areas of cartography, surveying, engineering, land information systems, geographic information systems, photogrammetry, geography, map drafting, geodesy, land records management, or related field. Proof of enrollment may be required. Student members are not eligible to serve on the Executive Council.	NA
Section 5: Honorary Members	Honorary membership is limited to those individuals whom, in the judgment of the Executive Council, have made an outstanding contribution to the Association or the Commonwealth of Virginia in the areas of cartography, surveying, engineering, land information systems, geographic information systems, photogrammetry, geography, map drafting, geodesy, or land records management. Each nomination for honorary membership shall be made by a member in good standing (with voting rights), and such nomination shall include, in writing, a complete statement of the qualification of such nominee prior to its consideration. The Executive Council is not required to grant membership during each year, and may not in any event grant more than one such membership in any one calendar year. An Honorary Member does not have to be a member of the Association, nor does an Honorary Member have a right to hold office or vote in the business of the Association. The Honorary membership also includes past Charter members: those who applied for membership in the Association on or before December 31, 1990.	NA
Section 6: Rejections	Rejections: The right to reject any application is hereby reserved to the Executive Council.	NA
Section 7: Voting Rights	The right to vote is extended to Charter and Individual members and to designated Corporate and Government Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Members.	The right to vote is extended to Individual and Group members.



Section 8: Officers	The right to hold office is extended to all voting members in good standing.	NA
Section 9: Transfer of Membership	The transfer of membership between individuals is prohibited except for those in the Corporate or Government Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze non-voting membership classifications. Corporate or Government Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze non-voting member representatives may be added (up to a maximum of five individuals for limited membership), dropped, or transferred upon receipt of written notice to the Association.	The transfer of membership between individuals is prohibited. Group Membership may be added, dropped, or transferred upon receipt of written notice to the Association.
Section 10: Duration of Membership	Membership in the Association is valid for one (1) year, concurrent with the VAMLIS Fiscal Year Annual Conference or on the first day of (July 1st to June 30th) whichever comes first Membership renewal is automatic pending the receipt of paid yearly dues. A member shall be dropped from membership in the Association for nonpayment of dues thirty (30) days after the end of the year in which they became due.	Membership in the Association is valid for one (1) year, concurrent with the VAMLIS Fiscal Year, July 1st to June 30th. Membership renewal is automatic pending the receipt of paid yearly dues. A member shall be dropped from membership in the Association for nonpayment of dues thirty (30) days after the end of the year in which they became due. Membership will not be pro-rated if purchased between conferences.
Section 11: Expulsion of Membership	A member may be expelled for just cause by a two-thirds majority vote of the Association membership. Expulsions are to be recommended to the Association membership by the Executive Council.	NA
Article V Officers		
Section 1: Selection	At each annual conference a VAMLIS business meeting shall be held where officers will be elected for a term of one (1) year, by the voting members in good standing who are present and who vote by proxy, a President, a President-Elect, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Officers shall immediately assume office and serve until the next annual conference VAMLIS business meeting VAMLIS Annual Conference.	At each annual conference a VAMLIS business meeting shall be held where officers will be elected for a term of one (1) year, by the voting members in good standing who are present and who vote by proxy, a President-Elect, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Officers shall hold office concurrent with the VAMLIS fiscal year, July 1 st to June 30 th .
Section 2: Executive Council Members	The Executive Council shall consist of the President, the immediate Past President, the President-Elect, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to faithfully execute and administer to the objectives of the association and its members. The Executive Council shall guide and develop policies to advance the Charter of the Association.	NA
Section 3: Governing Body	The Governing Body of the Association shall be the Executive Council. This body shall have the power to pass any resolution or propose any bylaw it deems necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Association. The Executive Council shall approve and issue all public statements, develop policies and procedures, adopt annual budgets, select committee chairs, conduct the business affairs of the Association and serve as the directors of the Association. Decisions shall be made in accordance with the Policies and Procedures of the Executive Council. The	NA



	Executive Council shall have the right, by simple majority vote thereof, to express the official views and certify the positions of the Association.	
Section 4: Vacancy of Office	Whenever a vacancy in the Executive Council shall occur, the remaining members of the Executive Council shall appoint a voting member in good standing to fill the unexpired vacancy after considering any recommendations from the Nominating Committee. Said candidate shall be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the remaining executive council members and shall serve until the next annual conference. When a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the President-Elect shall immediately succeed thereto, or the Vice President in the absence of both the President and President-Elect. Any person who is filling an interim appointment shall be eligible for election to a full term as an officer at the next annual conference.	NA
Section 5: Quorum	For the purpose of transacting official business of the Association, a quorum of the Executive Council shall consist of a simple majority of the sitting Council officers.	NA
Article VI Duties of Officers and Members		
Section 1: President	President: The President shall be the Chairman of the Executive Council. The President, or his/her designee shall preside at all general Association meetings and Executive Council meetings. The President shall have power to appoint regular, special or ad hoc committees as he or she deems necessary. The President, or his/her designee shall serve as chief liaison at all public and/or private meetings, press releases and media interviews where the policies and/or official positions of the Associations are to be expressed.	NA
Section 2: President-Elect	President-Elect: The President-Elect shall be a member of the Executive Council and shall share the duties and responsibilities as outlined by the President. The President-Elect shall exercise all the powers and duties of the President during his or her absence or inability to act and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Council. He or she shall act as coordinator of the Committees and shall serve in an advisory capacity to those Committees.	NA
Section 3: Vice President	Vice President: The Vice President shall exercise all the powers and duties of the President during the absence or inability to act of the President and President-Elect and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him or her by the Executive Council. The Vice President is responsible for coordinating the distribution of the VAMLIS newsletter.	NA



Section 4: Secretary	Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a roll of all members of the Association and a true up-to-date record of all proceedings of the Association and meetings of the Executive Council, subject to the inspection and approval of the Executive Council. Records maintained by the Secretary shall be turned over to his or her immediate successor in office.	NA
Section 5: Treasurer	Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Association and shall exercise such authority and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Council. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds, securities and legal instruments of the Association and shall be responsible for their safekeeping. To this end, he or she may, subject to the approval of the Executive Council, determine the place and manner of depositing and safekeeping funds, securities and legal instruments. A correct account of all receipts and disbursements must be kept and a complete up-to-date accounting of funds shall be provided as requested by the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall have full right to examine and/or cause an audit to be made annually or as deemed necessary.	NA
Section 6: Immediate Past President	Immediate Past President: It shall be the duty of the immediate past president to serve as a voting member of the Executive Council.	NA
Section 7: Members in Good Standing	Members in Good Standing: It shall be the duty of each member to take an active role in the Association to the best of his or her ability. These duties shall include but are not limited to: keeping attentive to all Association news and press releases, participating in designated committees, attending the annual conference, paying annual dues on-time, informing the executive council of all news and membership issues that may affect the Associations objectives, and keeping contact information current.	NA
Article VII Nominations & Elections		
Section 1: Nominations and Elections	The Executive Council shall appoint each year a nominating committee consisting of at least three (3) voting members in good standing. The sole responsibility of this committee shall be to select at least one (1) member in good standing from the pool of voting members for each open Executive Council position. The Committee shall present to the Executive Council a list of candidates for consideration at least sixty days prior to the day of election. Upon a consensus of the Executive Council, the list of candidates shall be published no less than thirty days prior to the day of the election. Nominations should, but are not required to, represent candidates from various employment sectors throughout Virginia.	NA



Section 2: Additional Nominations	Any voting member in good standing may make additional nominations from the floor at the annual conference VAMLIS business meeting. The candidate nominated from the floor must be a voting member in good standing and be present and consent to the nomination.	NA
Section 3: Elections	Officers shall be elected by simple majority vote at the annual conference. When offices are contested, elections shall be decided by secret ballot. If three or more candidates are running for the same office and a majority is not obtained, the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes will be announced and a run-off election between these two will be held. Results of all elections shall be announced at the annual conference.	Officers shall be elected by simple majority vote at the annual conference. When offices are contested, elections shall be decided by secret ballot. If three or more candidates are running for the same office and a majority is not obtained, the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes will be announced and a run-off election between these two will be held. Results of all elections shall be announced at the annual conference. The result of elections held at the Annual Conference will go into effect at the start of the next membership year (July 1st).
Section 4: Voting by Proxy	A voting member in good standing who will not be attending the annual conference VAMLIS business meeting may vote by proxy. Validation and approval the manner of a vote by proxy shall be made by the Executive Council prior to the conference. Proxy ballots will be considered in run-off elections only if the original proxy ballot was designated for one of the two remaining candidates.	NA
Article VIII Meetings		
Section 1: Annual Conference	The association shall sponsor an Annual Conference each year at a site selected and agreed upon by the Executive Council. The purpose of this Conference meeting is to provide training and promote awareness of mapping, geographic and land information systems as well as discuss topics pertaining to the Association's purpose and objectives with participation from the entire membership. The entire membership shall make a good faith effort to attend this Conference meeting.	NA
Section 2: Executive Council Meetings	The Executive Council shall meet to discuss and plan for the continual guidance and governance of the association in pursuit of its stated objectives. All Executive Council meetings are open to the general membership. All members can be recognized during these meetings and are permitted to bring forth relevant issues, grievances, or other general information and requests. All executive council elections and bylaw amendments shall be voted on at an Executive Council meeting. Approved bylaw amendments shall be in effect immediately and the installation of officers shall take place during an Executive Council meeting.	NA



Section 3: Committee Meetings	Each committee shall meet to discuss relevant issues and to plan for the achievement of their assigned duties. The committee chair shall take minutes, or enlist a scribe to take minutes, and report to the Executive Council. All Committee meetings are open to the general membership. All members can be recognized during these meetings and are permitted to bring forth relevant issues, grievances, or other general information and requests. The committee chair shall present any proposed changes to the policies and procedures of that committee for approval by the executive council.	NA
Section 4: Ad-Hoc & Private Meetings	The Executive Council shall have the authority to call special ad-hoc and/or private meetings, as it deems necessary to advance the purpose of VAMLIS and accomplish objectives VAMLIS has set forth to complete. Minutes shall be taken of the meeting and available for the membership to review upon request.	NA
Article IX Amendments		
Section 1: Amendments	These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of voting members in good standing by a method that informs the membership of the changes and facilitates a response to enable the Executive Council to act. In person written voting sessions shall be publicly disclosed to membership no less than thirty days prior to the time of voting.	NA
Section 2: Voting by Proxy	A voting member in good standing who will not be attending voting session with a written vote, may vote by proxy. Validation and approval the manner of a vote by proxy shall be made by the Executive Council prior to the conference. Proxy ballots shall be publicly disclosed to membership thirty days prior to the time of voting.	NA
Section 3: Proposed Amendments	All proposed amendments from the general membership shall be submitted in writing, to the Executive Council for its review no later than sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting.	NA
Section 4: Notification of Proposed Amendments	All proposed amendments shall be made public no less than thirty days prior to the call for vote. Notification shall be sent to all members, voting and non-voting, by regular or electronic mail.	NA
Article X Funds		
Section 1: Fiscal Year	The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.	NA
Section 2: Annual Budget	In accordance with sound accounting practices, the Executive Council shall adopt a budget that identifies revenue and expenditures anticipated for the fiscal year. Expenditures incurred by the Association shall generally follow the adopted budget.	NA



Section 3: Dues	The dues for the Association shall be established annually by the Executive Council at least ninety days prior to the first of the fiscal year. Dues shall not be required for Honorary members. The Executive Council shall establish policies and procedures for the collection and management of Annual dues.	NA
Section 4: Non-Payment of Dues	Failure to pay dues by the date specified by the Executive Council will result in loss of benefits and forfeiture of membership.	NA
Section 5: Incurring Debt	The Association shall not borrow money or incur debts over and above the anticipated annual revenue as budgeted by the Executive Council.	NA
Section 6: Operating Expenses	Expenditures or disbursements of any funds shall be made only in the manner as prescribed by the Executive Council.	NA
Section 7: Depository	All funds of the Association shall be placed in a depository designated by the Executive Council in consultation with the Treasurer.	NA
Section 8: Approval of Expenditures	The President and Treasurer shall approve Association expenditures from \$0.01 to \$500.00. Expenditures over \$500.00 shall be approved by the Executive Council.	NA
Article XI Parliamentary Authority		
	Roberts Rules of Order, revised, shall be the final authority regarding all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not otherwise covered by these bylaws.	NA
Article XII, Policies & Procedures		
Section 1: Policies & Procedures	Policies & Procedures shall be devised by and adhered to by the Executive Council and all committees. The Council and each committee shall develop a unique set of policies and procedures to self-govern the interactions of its committee members and business. No rule or regulation shall be made contrary to these bylaws nor may any contradict the objectives of the Association. All policies and procedures shall be reviewed and approved by the Executive. Council prior to being effective. Once adopted, policies and procedures shall govern until amendments are approved by the Executive Council, or the committee is dissolved.	NA
Article XIII Committees		
Section 1: Standing Committees	The Executive Council shall establish standing committees that are, by definition, perpetual committees. Standing committees shall be established to further the charter of the association through volunteer efforts. All committees shall be governed by policies and procedures developed by the members within each committee and ratified by the Executive Council. The President shall appoint Committee Chairs. All committees may be established or dissolved by the Executive Council at any time.	NA



Executive Board Contact Information

Be aware: On April 30th the emails conference@vamlis.org and office@vamlis.org will no longer be valid. The contact information for the Executive Board will transition to email accounts for each office. Below you will find each Executive Position, the updated contact information, and a description of the responsibilities assumed by each position.

Executive Position	Description	Responsibilities
President: President@vamlis.org	The President shall be the Chairman of the Executive Council. The President, or his/her designee shall preside at all general Association meetings and Executive Council meetings. The President shall have power to appoint regular, special or ad hoc committees as he or she deems necessary. The President, or his/her designee shall serve as chief liaison at all public and/or private meetings, press releases and media interviews where the policies and/or official positions of the Associations are to be expressed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President will be responsible for hosting and setting the agenda for monthly, public board meetings. • The President will be responsible for mentoring the President - Elect. • The President will be responsible for overseeing the management of the Executive Board, and the committees.
President – Elect: <i>Please direct questions for the President – Elect to the President</i>	President-Elect: The President-Elect shall be a member of the Executive Council and shall share the duties and responsibilities as outlined by the President. The President-Elect shall exercise all the powers and duties of the President during his or her absence or inability to act and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Council. He or she shall act as coordinator of the Committees and shall serve in an advisory capacity to those Committees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President-Elect will be responsible for hosting the regular committee meetings.
Vice President: vicepresident@vamlis.org	The Vice President shall exercise all the powers and duties of the President during the absence or inability to act of the President and President-Elect and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him or her by the Executive Council. The Vice President is responsible for coordinating the distribution of the VAMLIS newsletter.	
Secretary: secretary@vamlis.org	The Secretary shall keep a roll of all members of the Association and a true up-to-date record of all proceedings of the Association and meetings of the Executive Council, subject to the inspection and approval of the Executive Council. Records maintained by the Secretary shall be turned over to his or her immediate successor in office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary will be responsible for keeping meeting minutes of the Executive Board Meetings. • The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining the VAMLIS membership list, including notifying members when their membership is set to expire. • The Secretary will be responsible for the organization's documentation, such as the management of passwords, credentials, and subscriptions.
Treasurer: treasurer@vamlis.org	The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Association and shall exercise such authority and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Council. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurer will be responsible for managing the finances of the organization. • The Treasurer will be responsible for managing the finance requests of the



	<p>securities and legal instruments of the Association and shall be responsible for their safekeeping. To this end, he or she may, subject to the approval of the Executive Council, determine the place and manner of depositing and safekeeping funds, securities and legal instruments. A correct account of all receipts and disbursements must be kept and a complete up-to-date accounting of funds shall be provided as requested by the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall have full right to examine and/or cause an audit to be made annually or as deemed necessary.</p>	<p>Activity/Conference Committee and the Communication/Marketing Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurer will be responsible for filing taxes on behalf of VAMLIS.
<p>Past President: Please direct questions for the Past <i>President to the President</i>.</p>	<p>It shall be the duty of the immediate past president to serve as a voting member of the Executive Council.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work as advisor/liaison to Executive Board • Actively participate in conference planning

The Executive Board will also hold monthly meetings via Cisco WebEx that will be open to our members.



VAMLIS Committee Summary

Article XIII Committees: The Executive Council shall establish standard Committees, which shall perform specific duties and responsibilities as defined herein. The President shall appoint one Chair for each Committee from the Executive Council. Each Committee shall develop and follow policies and procedures, which shall be approved by the Executive Council. Each Committee Chair shall submit to the Executive Council, for review at its annual meeting, a list of activities that will be pursued by the Committee in the fiscal year. If required, a budget request shall accompany the planned activities reported. Committees may research and draft positions on pertinent issues. However, all issues that result in taking a position must be forwarded to the Executive Council, which is the sole body that may formally adopt a position on any issue.

The following Committees are currently active:

<i>Description</i>	<i>Expectations/Responsibilities</i>
Activity/Conference Committee	
<p>This is a year- round committee that organizes conferences, seminars, workshops, socials/meetups and other VAMLIS activities. The primary responsibility of the committee is to plan the annual GIS Conference (GeoCon). A member of the Executive Board will be a member of this committee. The chair of the Activity/Conference Committee will report to the Executive Board at monthly meetings, or more regularly if needed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the creation of subcommittees during conference planning phase. • Plan the annual VAMLIS GeoCon Conference. • Appoint a committee member to represent the Activity/Conference Committee at Communication/Marketing Committee meetings.
Communication/Marketing Committee	
<p>This is a year-round committee that is responsible for publishing the newsletter and other materials, conducting member surveys, and maintain the membership directory and other content on the web page. It also coordinates the dissemination of all member related information via emails and other social media accounts. A member of the Executive Board will be a member of this committee. The chair of the Communication/Marketing Committee will report to the Executive Board at monthly meetings, or more regularly if needed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - 5 social media posts per month • Coordinate with the Conference Committee to promote Conference deadlines and activities • Coordinate with local User Groups to promote local GIS activities • Appoint a committee member to represent the Communication/Marketing Committee at Conference/Activity Committee meetings.
Nomination Committee	
<p>Nominating Committee: The President and/or Past-President appoints a nominating committee, once a year, consisting of three (3) voting members in good standing. The sole responsibility of this committee shall be to select at least one (1) member in good standing from the pool of voting members for each open Executive Council position. Nominations should represent candidates that live or work in Virginia. The committee’s recommendations will be posted for election by members at the annual conference.</p>	



VAMLIS Nomination Committee

It has come to the attention of the Executive Council that under Article VII, Section 1. Nominations and Elections, of the VAMLIS Bylaws, the Executive Council is expected to appoint a nominating committee each year. The sole responsibility of this committee is to select at least one member in good standing from the pool of voting members for each open Executive Council. Article VII, Section 3. Elections, further states that Officers shall be elected by simple majority vote at the annual conference.

As you are aware, VAMLIS recently held elections in November of 2017, and the new Executive Council began their term on January 1st, 2018. The Executive Council is aware this does not align with the procedure outlined in our governance document. In an effort to re-establish the correct voting procedures, the Executive Council has appointed a Nomination Committee and will hold elections at the annual conference on April 4th and 5th, 2018.

The Nomination Committee is prepared to recommend the current Executive Council be re-elected in order to maintain continuity through 2018, and into the 2019 conference. (Reference Bylaws Article V, Section 4 “Any person who is filling an interim appointment shall be eligible for election to a full term as an officer at the next annual conference”). This timeline adjustment will allow VAMLIS to resume proper nomination and voting procedures going forward. This year’s Nominating Committee will be made up of current VAMLIS members: Kendell Ryan, John Scrivani, and Randy Trott.

<p>Kendal Ryan Henrico County</p>	<p>Kendal Ryan has worked for Henrico County for the past six years and has been the GIS Coordinator for the last three years. Prior to that she worked at the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Her education was in biology; she received a BS from James Madison University and a Master’s degree from the College of William & Mary.</p>
<p>John Scrivani University of Richmond</p>	<p>John A. Scrivani retired in 2017 as a Geospatial Projects Manager for the Virginia Geographic Information Network, where for seven years he managed orthophotography and lidar projects. For twenty years prior John served as a research forester and GIS project manager for the Virginia Department of Forestry. Prior to that, he was an Assistant Professor of Forestry at Virginia Tech. John continues teaching GIS as an adjunct at the University of Richmond and works part-time as a Forester/ Modeler for the Green Infrastructure Center.</p>
<p>Randy Trott Timmons Group</p>	<p>Randy provides program leadership for a wide variety of Timmons Group GIS Projects including: enterprise GIS development, data maintenance and conversion, tax parcel mapping and production, utilities collection and mapping, GIS applications development, NG911, GIS network modeling and routing, global positioning system (GPS), integration, geodetic adjustments for coordinate system conversions, and other computerized mapping and surveying projects. His combination of GIS and land surveying experience gives Randy a unique understanding of GIS and GPS mapping requirements within the Geospatial services community. Randy received a Bachelor of Science degree in Surveying Engineering from the University of Maine and a Master of Business Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. Additionally, he holds a license to practice Professional Land Surveying in the Commonwealth of Virginia</p>