

Representation on the Council: Affiliate membership shall consist of the sum of (a) the members and (b) nonmember registrants at the current or otherwise most recent annual meeting. The Council has fifteen affiliate representatives. The Treasurer shall propose and the Council shall certify affiliate membership. Affiliates of the Association shall be represented on the Council in accordance with the following:

- a) Affiliates must have at least 10 members, on a 3-year rolling average of primary affiliate attendance at the annual meeting, to qualify for an affiliate representative on the council.
- b) To qualify for additional representatives, affiliate representatives are distributed proportionally based on a 3-year rolling average of affiliate attendance at the annual meetings.
- c) Affiliates which have fewer than ten (10) members and nonmember registrants, over a 3-year rolling average, shall not be entitled to voting representation on the Council, but their meetings and program sessions may be included in the Association's annual program and an affiliate representative may attend the meetings of the Council as a non-voting representative.

Implementation. The proportional representation system of the affiliate council representatives is phased in over five years.

Year 1 – Pass bylaws amendment.

Year 2 – incremental increase (additional 2 representatives).

Year 3 – incremental increase (additional 2 representatives).

Year 4 – incremental increase (additional 2 representatives).

Year 5 – Full implementation of proportional representation (additional 1 representative).

8.2 Elections. Elections for Association officers shall take place at the Annual Meetings of the Membership and the Council. Officer(s) will immediately assume their positions following their elections

- a) Rotation: The Office of Vice-President shall move in rotation through the eligible affiliates in the following order: History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology and Open Seat. The Open Seat shall be open to members of all affiliates that have a 3-year average of 10 or more primary affiliate members. An affiliate whose membership drops below 7% of the overall SSSA membership for two consecutive years, as measured by primary affiliation of attendees at meetings, shall lose its place in the rotation and must wait for their respective place in the above mentioned rotation. A new affiliate with two consecutive years of 7% or more of the overall membership is eligible to be added to rotation behind the open seat. A nominating committee appointed by the President shall prepare a slate for the Office of Vice-President; and for the President-Elect or President in the case of a vacancy. Each respective affiliate will provide nominees to the nominating committee during its selection year. During a year of the Open Seat the Nominating Committee shall solicit nominees. Nominees will be presented to the Membership for a vote. Nominations may be made from the floor in which case all nominees shall be required to leave the Annual Meeting while discussion and a vote takes place. Any five (5) Members present may request a vote by ballot.