



President's Newsletter

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Dear Fellow Members:

At its meeting on February 27 held in New Orleans, the Board of Directors passed an amendment to the By-Laws creating a new officer position, the Website and Technology Secretary. Most corporations have a Chief Information Officer or similar position, and our experience over the last several years as we have worked to bring our website up to date convinced us that dealing with these issues required someone at the officer level of the Association to oversee the operations and functions of the Association's website. In addition, the Website and Technology Secretary will have responsibility for all systems employed in the management of the Association, any social media engagements of the Association, and the operations of any CLE programs using telecommunications equipment.

Pursuant to By-Law 302, the Board of Directors has authority to fill vacancies in elected offices. Lynn Krieger has been serving as chair of the Website and Technology Committee, and has devoted untold hours over the last few years to the website, and was the obvious choice to fill this new position. By-Law 302 only gives the Board authority to fill vacancies until the next annual meeting, so there will be an election to fill this position along with all the other officer positions in May, and the Nominating Committee will of course consider any other nominations for this position that are submitted.

On another note, as you will recall, at our Board meeting in November, we amended the By-Laws to give Life Members the option to pay dues if they so choose. I am happy to report that the majority of the Life Members who have responded thus far have opted to pay dues, and I want to express the deep appreciation of the Association to those members. While the Association is in a strong financial position, the additional income from Life Members will help assure that this remains the case in years to come. More importantly, it is gratifying to know that so many of our Life Members who are in a position to continue to pay dues chose to do so and show their continuing support for the work of the Association.

I look forward to seeing many of you in May.

With best regards,

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