

Bylaws of the San Diego Science Writers Association*

1. Membership

1. Membership in SANDSWA is open to all persons interested in communicating science and technology to general audiences.
2. Persons who have paid current annual dues are members in good standing.

2. Officers and Directors

1. Association officers are:
 1. President
 2. President-Elect
 3. Secretary
 4. Program Chair
 5. Treasurer
2. The board of directors consists of the officers plus up to four at-large members.

3. Election

1. Officer and director terms are from January 1 to December 31.
2. Officers and directors are elected annually before November 30 by a ballot of the membership. Any member in good standing may submit their name for election.
3. Officers and directors must be members in good standing at the time of their nomination and election, and throughout their term of service.
4. In the event of a vacancy, a special election may be conducted with at least 15 days notice to the membership. A specially elected officer or director serves through December 31 following their election.

4. Meeting

1. The board of directors will meet when agreed by at least half the current directors.
2. The number of votes required for a board decision is a majority of the entire board of directors.

5. Amendment

1. These bylaws may be amended by vote of a majority of the entire board of directors.

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