

Proposed 2024 Changes to WHPL Bylaws Dated 2021:

Article VI – Duties of Officers

First sentence of second paragraph: Add “or Trustee position” after “in any office,” so the sentence reads:

“The Trustees shall have the management of the affairs of the Library, shall fill any vacancy in any office or Trustee position until the next Annual Meeting and shall have charge of all real estate belonging to the Corporation.”

Article VII – Committees

First sentence: Add “Personnel Committee” after Finance Committee, so the sentence reads:

“The Corporation shall have the following standing committees: Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Membership Committee, Development Committee, Events Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, and Nominations Committee.”

Appendix: Guidelines for the Organization and Operation of the Division, The Woods Hole Historical Collection and Museum As amended, August 2015:

Article III – Organization

Second sentence of second paragraph: Add “and the” after “Swift Barn” and delete “and Outreach Building,” so the sentence reads:

“The Museum also maintains the Swift Barn and the Yale Workshop and Outreach Building housed on land leased from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution until 2095 by the Library Corporation for the explicit use of the Museum.”

Article VI - Composition and Election of the Steering Committee

Change “director” or “directors” five times so the section reads:

“The Steering Committee shall consist of the officers and no fewer than nine (9) but not more than fifteen (15) directors members. Officers and directors committee members shall be elected for terms of two (2) years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The officers shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chair and the Secretary shall be elected in even-numbered years. The Vice-Chair and the Treasurer shall be elected in odd-numbered years. No officer may serve more than four (4) years in the same office. Any officer, upon retiring from that office, may be elected to another office or may be elected for one two (2) year term as director a committee member. No director committee member shall be elected for more than six (6) consecutive years, after which one year of retirement shall be necessary, unless the director member is elected to one of the offices. No person shall serve on the Steering Committee for more than ten (10) consecutive years.”

Article VII - Duties of Officers

First sentence: Add “or member position” so the sentence reads:

“The Steering Committee shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Museum, shall fill any vacancy in any office or member position until the next Annual Meeting, and may appoint an auditor to examine the Museum financial accounts.”