

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLANT BIOLOGISTS

Annual Election, 2021

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Current Constitution Showing Proposed Deletions  
(~~Strike Through~~) and Additions (Underlined)

## Article VII: Election of Officers

### FIRST PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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### SECOND PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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