



# **GSP By-Laws: Proposed Amendments Highlights**

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# Instructions in Reviewing the Proposed Amended GSP By-Laws

- ❑ *In the GSP website, there are 4 posted documents: (1) Current By-Laws, (2) Proposed Amended By-Laws, (3) Table of Proposed Amendments, & (4) Highlights of the Proposed Amendments (this pdf)*
- ❑ *In Item 2, the black underlined texts are changes ratified in Dec. 2004; and the red underlined texts are changes to be ratified at GEOCON 2017*
- ❑ *Enquiries by any GSP Member will be entertained until November 30, 2017 c/o [ciceron.angeles@yahoo.com](mailto:ciceron.angeles@yahoo.com)*
- ❑ *After 30 November 2017, no more enquiries will be entertained & a final version will be posted in the GSP website by December 6, 2017*
- ❑ *Ratification or rejection will be done during the GEOCON 2017 at the same time as the elections of the Directors*

# Main Rationale of the Need to Amend the GSP By-Laws

- ❑ *Change current short term GSP's Vision & Performance to medium to long term – changes needed to create continuity in managing the affairs of the Society, e.g. the term of office of the Directors (or Trustees)*
- ❑ *Some Member Types are obsolete, not used &/or redundant*
- ❑ *Strengthen the Ethics & Publication Committees by making them Standing Committees, i.e. mandated by the By-Laws*

# Timeline in Amending/Implementing Amended By-Laws

- ❑ *28 Sept 2017 – GSP Board approved resolution recommending to GSP Members to adopt the proposed Amended GSP By-Laws*
- ❑ *GEOCON 2017 - Ratification of Amended GSP By-Laws by the Members*
- ❑ *2018 – Approval of Amended GSP By-Laws by Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)*
- ❑ *2019 – Start Implementation of Amended GSP By-Laws*

# General Changes

- ❑ *“Board of Directors” changed to “Board of Trustees”*
- ❑ *Whole document will be gender neutral – change “he” & “his” to “he/she” & “his/her”, “Chairman” to “Chairperson” etc.*
- ❑ *Typos & grammatical errors had been removed/corrected*

# Member Types

- ❑ *Retain the following member types –*
  - ❑ *Regular Member*
  - ❑ *Associate Member*
  - ❑ *Student Member*
  - ❑ *Patron*
  - ❑ *Honorary Member &*
  - ❑ *Life Member*
  
- ❑ *Remove the following member types –*
  - ❑ *Fellow &*
  - ❑ *Senior Member*

# Trustees

- ❑ *Change from 10 Directors (including non-voting Past President) to 9 Trustees with terms changed from 1 to 3 years*
- ❑ *2019- 1<sup>st</sup> year of implementation of the Amended By-Laws*
  - ❑ *3 Trustees having the highest votes gets 3 years term*
  - ❑ *3 Trustees having the next highest votes gets 2 years term*
  - ❑ *3 Trustees having the lowest votes gets 1 year term*
- ❑ *2020 onwards*
  - ❑ *only 3 Trustees are elected each year*

# Officers

- ❑ *All Officers elected by the Board of Trustees every year as per usual practice*
- ❑ *President – elected by Board every year but term restricted to 2 consecutive years*
- ❑ *Vice President – no change*
- ❑ *Secretary – no change*
- ❑ *Treasurer – no change*
- ❑ *Editor – removed as Officer → will become Publication Committee Chairperson*



# Venue of Meetings

- ❑ *Currently restricted to Metro Manila*
- ❑ *Proposed to be anywhere in the Philippines (upon Board approval) – for flexibility*

# Committees

- ❑ *Current Standing Committees, i.e. mandated by the By-Laws*
  - ❑ *Committee on Election (COMELEC)*
  - ❑ *Membership*
  - ❑ *GEOCON*
  - ❑ *Ways & Means (Note: never constituted in past ~20 or so years & function taken over by GEOCON Committee by de facto)*
  
- ❑ *Proposed additional Standing Committees*
  - ❑ *Ethics* – as envisioned by one of the purposes of GSP to uphold professional & ethical standard
  - ❑ *Publication* – to strengthen the importance of geo-scientific publications such as the Journal of GSP, headed by Editor
  
- ❑ *Proposed Standing Committee to be removed*
  - ❑ *Ways & Means* (function taken over by GEOCON Com)
  
- ❑ *Other Committees – Board can create & abolish upon the need of the Society*

**The End**