

Proposed Amendments/ Bylaws Change.

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Rationale: To clarify the selection of the editor; to clarify members of the search committee; to clarify the selection of associate editors. To align bylaws with the standard editor's contract with Human Kinetics.

Current version of bylaws (last updated "November 2024")

Section 5: SSJ Editor Selection and Term. The selection procedures for the Senior and Associate Editor shall be similar but occur in two stages. The Senior Editor will be selected first; subsequently, s/he becomes part of the selection committee for the Associate Editor(s). Nominees for Senior Editor must have served a current or former term as member of the SSJ Board or on the Editorial Board of a similar journal. Associate Editors and the Senior Editor shall each be appointed for a three-year term. After the three-year period expires, the Senior Editor and Associate Editor positions are renewable for one additional three-year term, for a maximum of two consecutive terms. Renewal of the senior editor position is determined by the Chair of the Search Committee (President) in consultation with the search committee. The renewal of the associate editor is determined by the Senior Editor. The Past Editor shall serve for at least one year, if possible, following their term as Senior Editor. The NASSS Board of Directors and Human Kinetics must approve the selections and the extensions of these terms.

Proposed changes:

Section 5: SSJ Editor Selection and Term. Selection of the Senior Editor is determined by the Chair of the Search Committee (President) in consultation with a search committee (to include the past-editor of SSJ, a former President of NASSS, and one current member of SSJ's editorial board to be selected by the Chair of the Search Committee). The selection requirements for the senior editor is he/she/ they must have served current or former term as an associate editor or member of the SSJ Board. The Senior Editor shall be appointed for a three-year term. After the three-year period expires, the Senior Editor position is renewable for one additional three-year term, for a maximum of two consecutive terms. Renewal of the senior editor position is determined by Human Kinetics, in consultation with the NASSS President. The Editor's roles and responsibilities are determined by the senior editor's contract with Human Kinetics, and include but are not limited to: responsibility for the review process and acceptance of manuscripts, appointing Associate Editors and Book Editor, and inviting/selecting editorial board members. The Past Editor shall serve for at least one year, if possible, following their term as Senior Editor. The NASSS Board of Directors and Human Kinetics must both approve the selection of the senior editor. The extension of the senior editor's term is determined by Human Kinetics.

Associate editors are appointed by the Senior Editor for a three-year term. After the three-year period expires, the Associate Editor position is renewable for one additional three-year term, for a maximum of two consecutive terms. The renewal of the associate editor is determined by the Senior Editor.