

2002 OSA Constitutional Amendments

The full text of the 2002 Constitutional Amendments to OSA bylaws that was included in the minute of the Business Meeting is given below. Thus, approved OSA bylaws are only the one currently posted on OSA website and the 2002 amendments. The 2006 Draft on Update/Revision of OSA Bylaws presented to the General Assembly in 2006 is not approved (voted on) yet. Therefore, it is not OSA Bylaw until ratified by members vote. The full text of these amendments will soon be incorporated to OSA bylaws and will be posted at OSA website. Please take your time to read this important document.

**The Oromo Studies Association (OSA)
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Business Meeting
Howard University, Washington D.C.
July 28, 2002**

5. Constitutional Amendment

On behalf of the BD, Bonnie Holcomb proposed the following amendments to the OSA Constitution.

A. Proposed amendments concerning the Board of Directors.

To ensure continuity in the work of the BD, the amendment proposes to stagger the term of office of BD members.

Approved: unanimous

- a. In regard to the composition of BD members, the amendment seeks to allow six members to be elected to the Board of Directors.
- b. Approved: 31-1-0.

B. Proposed amendments concerning the Executive Committee.

a. To ensure continuity in the work of the EC, the amendment proposes to transform the office of the vice president into that of president-elect. In the first year, the president elect shall serve in the capacity of vice president and shall assume the presidency in the following year.

Approved 24-0-4

b. In regard to the term of office of EC members, the amendment proposes that the president serve for one year. All other members shall serve for two years.

Approved 24-0-4

C. Implementation

Implementation of the term of office for the members of BD shall be determined by drawing a lottery. Two members will serve for three years, two will serve for two years, and two will serve for one year.

Approved: 33-0-0

D. The BD proposes to amend the constitution to posit that elected officers assume office within one month of their election.

Approved: unanimous

E. Bonnie Holcomb proposed, on behalf of the BD, that an ad hoc committee be elected to conduct elections to OSA governing bodies. Moved by Thomas Kenea, seconded by Bonnie Holcomb.

Motion passed: 31-0-2