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* SOAR Liaison
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  + Another point of contact with other organizations

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The Advisor is responsible for guiding and adding insight to goals and objectives set to meet the Association’s purpose. The Advisor is encouraged to attend Executive Board and General Assembly meetings. The Advisor shall have non-voting authority. The Advisor shall have no liability in the financial activity of the Association. The Executive Board shall meet with the Advisor no less than once a semester.

*Article VII - Meeting Requirements*

*Section I.*

General Assembly Meetings will begin with announcements made by the President to the General Assembly to update them on all organization happenings. The announcements will be followed by speaker presentations. In the event that the President is absent, the highest-ranking Executive Board member as defined in Article IV of the Constitution shall undertake the duties of the President for the duration of his or her absence.

*Section II.*

The Association’s meetings shall abide by a quorum of no less than one Executive Board Officer and one general assembly member.

*Article VIII - Method of Amending By-Laws*

A majority of the Executive Board is necessary for amending the bylaws. Retaining all other voting powers, the President may act as a tie-breaker in the event of a tie.

Each autumn, the President shall review the bylaws and propose any amendments deemed necessary. Any current member may also submit a proposal for amending the bylaws.

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