

## Proposed Bylaw to establish “President Emeritus” designation

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PROPOSED BYLAW: President Emeritus: Each retiring Society President will be designated as “President Emeritus” when his/her term as Society President expires. This designation is to honor the retiring society president for his/her distinguished contributions. The President Emeritus will receive a plaque and certificate, which will typically be presented at the final Board of Governors’ meeting of the year. This designation does not endow a President Emeritus with any power or authority within the Society (*e.g.*, BoG membership, voting rights), nor, does the designation preclude a President Emeritus from being elected-to or appointed-to other positions within the Society.

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Note: This *\*could\** be an automatic action upon the conclusion of a President's term *\*OR\** it could require a positive action by the Board of Governors as *\*each\** President's term ends, which would involve minor wording changes to the above suggested Bylaw.

Note: We can send certificates to the 31 past Society presidents or present them at appropriate events; the total cost would be under US\$50.

Note: I am ambivalent in regard to sending plaques to past president as the designation as President Emeritus and the certificate may suffice as recognition. A plaque may be anticlimactic. However, funding the cost of plaques for 31 past Society presidents – approximately US\$6,000 (max); realistically US\$4,000 as several past presidents may have passed away and/or may be unreachable.