

**Bylaws Committee Report**  
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The proposed Bylaws changes were in development for over one year. This is actually a total revision, rather than minor changes. The proposed Bylaws took out most of the procedure, and left only structure.

The companion piece – the OOTA Policies and Procedures – was also developed. This document contains the procedure and details. Whereas Bylaws should rarely be changed, Policies and Procedures can be updated relatively easily. These changes will give us more useful ways to operate.

The Bylaws revision was reviewed and approved by the OOTA Executive Board.

The proposed changes were sent to the OOTA Web Page on December 30. In early January, an email notice was sent to OOTA members informing them that the proposed Bylaws changes were posted for review.

The proposed changes were presented to the OOTA Business Meeting on February 2, 2008, with time for questions and answers.

Having met all of the requirements for amendments as delineated in the current OOTA Bylaws, 314 mail ballot were sent out to all OOTA members in mid-February with a March 1 deadline for return of the ballots.

By March 1, 43 ballots were returned (a 14% return rate), all voting in the affirmative.

Therefore, the Bylaws revision has been adopted, and the new Bylaws are now in effect.

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