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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Bylaws Committee
DATE: 26 May 2009
RE: Bylaws Mid-2009 Report

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Progress Report (to date)

We have had a quiet year so far, with only two action items.

1. We were contacted in March by Michael Sholinbeck, chair of the Environment and Resource Management Division (DERM) with a request to change the wording of their scope note. The Committee felt the change makes the scope note more comprehensive; that it more clearly defines the division's composition, interests and efforts; and that it allows flexibility. The proposed scope note change was approved on 31 March 2009.

2. The Legal Division contacted us in April with a proposed revision of their bylaws. The proposed revisions were extensive. Thanks especially to Nettie Seaberry, we were able to dissect the proposed changes and comment on them individually. We had several changes and recommendations. The division had not closely followed the model unit governing document; we strongly recommended they do so. We also strongly recommended that they create a document that shows side-by-side for each change, the old language, the new language and how the revised section will read. This would help their members quickly identify the changes and would help them decide how to vote. A letter and a copy of their proposed revisions with our recommended changes were sent to chair Martha Foote on 15 April 2009. We have not yet heard back from the Legal Division.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Stich
Chair, 2009 SLA Bylaws Committee