

IIBEC Governance and Bylaws Changes FAQ

Purpose of this document

This FAQ is intended to help IIBEC members understand the proposed 2026 governance and bylaws changes in clear, practical terms. It summarizes the major proposed revisions and answers questions members may have as they review the amendments.

IIBEC encourages all members to review the proposed bylaws amendments carefully. These changes affect important aspects of governance, including leadership eligibility, voting rights, and the amendment process itself. Thoughtful member review and constructive feedback are an important part of ensuring that IIBEC's governing documents continue to serve the organization well.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is IIBEC proposing these bylaws changes?

The proposed amendments are intended to strengthen IIBEC's governance framework, clarify eligibility and voting rules, modernize certain provisions, and better align the bylaws with current organizational practices.

2. Are these changes a complete rewrite of the bylaws?

No. These are targeted amendments to specific sections of the bylaws rather than a full rewrite. Many core governance provisions remain in place, while selected articles are being updated for clarity, consistency, or improved governance.

3. What are some of the most significant proposed changes?

Some of the most notable proposed changes include:

- revised eligibility criteria for officers and Region Directors;
- a process allowing limited flexibility when no candidate fully meets all criteria;
- term limit clarifications for officers and Region Directors;
- changes to provide all IIBEC members who hold a credential the right to vote, for most categories of membership.

BOARD ELIGIBILITY

4. Do the proposed changes affect who may serve as an IIBEC officer?

Yes. The proposed language increases the baseline eligibility expectations for officers (officers include the President, Vice Presidents, and Secretary/Treasurer). It states that officer candidates (who must be Consultant members) should, to the greatest extent

possible, be active members in good standing for at least five years and who have at least two years of IIBEC leadership experience within the prior five years. Eligible leadership experience may include service as a Region Director or as chair of an IIBEC board-level committee.

5. What does “to the greatest extent possible” mean in the officer qualifications section?

That phrase signals that the stated criteria are the standard the Nominating Committee should aim to meet. It also recognizes that, in unusual situations, some flexibility may be needed if no candidate fully satisfies every criterion.

6. Can someone still be nominated for officer if they do not meet every listed requirement?

Potentially, yes. The proposed language would allow the Nominating Committee to consider a candidate who does not fully meet the stated criteria if no fully qualified candidates come forward during that election cycle, so long as the candidate has demonstrated meaningful and sustained service to IIBEC and is reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee before nomination. Any candidate would still need to be a consultant member in good standing.

7. Are similar changes proposed for Region Directors?

Yes. The proposed amendments also revise the eligibility criteria for Region Directors. Under the proposal, Region Director candidates (who must be consultant members) should, to the greatest extent possible, be Consultant members in good standing for at least three years and have at least two years of IIBEC leadership experience within the preceding five years. That experience may include service on an IIBEC board-level committee or as an officer of a local IIBEC chapter.

8. With the increased requirements for Board service (3 or 5 years and a Region Director or Board level committee to be eligible) - what problem was the Task Force trying to solve?

The proposed membership requirement is 5 years as a consultant member for the Executive Committee. And for Region Director it is 3 years as a consultant member. The thought of the Task Force (and the Board) was that officers should have more years as a consultant member, and more leadership experience with IIBEC. The current bylaws are two years as a consultant member for either Board or executive committee.

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actively advancing the building enclosure profession, while fostering a more inclusive, representative, and engaged membership aligned with IIBEC's mission and strategic direction.

9. Why is the Executive Committee involved in approving exceptions?

The Executive Committee review adds an additional level of oversight when a candidate does not fully meet the standard criteria. The intent is to preserve flexibility while also maintaining accountability and consistency in the nomination process.

EXPANDED VOTING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

10. Do the proposed amendments change which member categories can serve on the Board?

The bylaws continue to reserve Board service for IIBEC Consultant members. The Board composition remains the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Immediate Past President, the Region Directors, and the Executive Vice President and CEO, with the Immediate Past President and Executive Vice President and CEO serving as nonvoting members.

11. Do the proposed changes affect who may vote in IIBEC elections?

Yes. Currently, only consultant members can vote in IIBEC Elections. Under the proposed changes, IIBEC credential holders who are members in the following categories: Industry, Facility Manager, Associate, and Quality Assurance Observers will now have voting privileges.

12. Which membership categories will now be eligible to vote under the proposal?

Under the proposed amendments, Industry members, Facility Manager members, Associate members, and Quality Assurance Observer members would be eligible to vote, if they hold a current IIBEC credential.

13. Why is IIBEC expanding voting rights to IIBEC credential holders?

The proposal to extend voting rights to all credentialed members reflects a commitment to recognizing professional achievement and strengthening engagement across IIBEC. Credentialed members have demonstrated a high level of technical knowledge, experience, and dedication to the profession, regardless of their membership category. Providing them with a voice in governance ensures that decisions are informed by those actively advancing the building enclosure profession, while fostering a more inclusive, representative, and engaged membership aligned with IIBEC's mission and strategic direction.

14. Will the non-member credential holders be allowed to vote?

No, step one for voting rights at IIBEC is being a dues paying member.

IIBEC BYLAWS AMENDMENT PROCESS

15. What voting threshold is required to approve a bylaws amendment?

The bylaws state that amendments require approval by a two-thirds majority of the IIBEC voting members who submit ballots.

16. Will there be an opportunity for members to comment on proposed bylaws amendments?

Yes. The proposed amendment language states that IIBEC will provide website space for members to post comments concerning proposed amendments. You must be logged into the IIBEC website, with your membership log in credentials, to comment.

<https://iibec.org/iibec-bylaws-2026-proposed-amendments/>

17. Are there limits on those comments?

Yes. Under the proposed language, comments are limited to 500 words, and the Secretary/Treasurer has the right to redact comments to ensure propriety.

18. Why is comment moderation included?

The moderation provision is intended to maintain a respectful and appropriate discussion environment while still allowing members to share feedback on the proposed amendments.

19. Do these amendments change the purpose or mission of IIBEC?

No. The proposed amendments do not change IIBEC's mission or fundamental purpose. The vision and mission of IIBEC remains to be universally recognized as the leading authority in building enclosure consulting. Our efforts are focused on advancing the profession of building enclosure consulting.