

Summary of proposed amendments to DMDU Society Rules and Processes

The items below are the five categories of amendments that were made within the Society's official Rules and Processes document. In that formal document, each revision is labeled with a number that corresponds to the explanation provided below.

1. Adding a Fundraising Chair and clarifying the role of the Career Development Chair
 - a. During this leadership term, fundraising was identified as an important role that should stand apart from any other leadership duties.
 - b. The Career Development Chair was originally named the "Funding and Career Development Chair;" the term "funding" referred to the task of identifying funding opportunities for members to engage in DMDU research or practice but became confusing once the Fundraising Chair role was provisionally adopted.
2. Clarifying term limit rules to specify that:
 - a. the President would be held to different term limits than other Leadership Team roles.
 - b. non-President Leadership Team members could rotate into different positions after reaching their two-term limit in another role.
 - c. the term limit rules would not become effective until the Society's Rules and Processes had been formally adopted and the first Leadership Team had begun its term.
3. Adding a President Emeritus position to the Leadership Team
 - a. Once a member has served as the Society's President for two 2-year terms, that member must step down from the Leadership Team completely (clarified in the new term limit rules).
 - b. To formalize the Leadership Team's ability to continue to benefit from the experience of the outgoing President, the Leadership Team proposes the creation of this role which will be strictly advisory; any input will only be incorporated at the discretion of the voting members of the Leadership Team.
4. Creating an Advisory Board
 - a. The Leadership Team recognized the need to periodically seek input from Society members to ensure responsiveness and accountability to the needs of the Society as a whole.
 - b. In light of the fact that the Society is committed to disseminating DMDU tools, methods, and concepts, input from practitioners, members from developing countries, and early career members was considered particularly important.
5. Miscellaneous clarifications
 - a. The language describing the Society's target membership audience was broadened to correct unintentional specificity.
 - b. More detail was added about the dual candidacy procedures for Leadership Team elections.