

To: HAA Board of Directors From: Rachel Lamson, Director for Volunteer Leadership, HAA Subject: Notice of HAA Board Plenary Meeting and Vote Date: September 22, 2020

At the Plenary meeting at the fall HAA Board of Directors' Meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. EDT (via Zoom), the HAA Board of Directors will be presented with a proposed amendment to the HAA Constitution and By-Laws.

Over the past year the HAA Executive Committee has reviewed its purpose and structure through the lens of how to best oversee the work of the HAA Board of Directors. It has determined that it would benefit from additional members-at-large, and that replacing two of the four past president members with two members-at-large was the most effective way to accomplish that. The proposed amendments to the HAA Constitution reflect that change of membership.

Under Article IX of the current HAA Constitution an amendment of the Constitution requires a majority vote of those Directors present at a stated meeting of the Board.

You will find the current Constitution and By-Laws and the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws at the following links:

Current Constitution and By-Laws

<u>Proposed new Constitution and By-Laws</u> (proposed change is highlighted on page 4 of the HAA Constitution)

The Executive Committee, Executive Director Philip Lovejoy, and the HAA staff support the adoption of the proposed change to the HAA Constitution and By-Laws and think it is in the best interests of the HAA that they be adopted.

While the vote will be held at the October 21, 2020 Plenary meeting (via Zoom), we ask that you send any questions you may have about the proposed changes to the HAA Constitution prior to the meeting. Questions should be directed to Rachel Lamson at <u>rachel lamson@harvard.edu</u> or 617.495.5805. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.