

## PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS (March 9, 2025)

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- publishes *Jeffers Studies*, a peer-reviewed scholarly journal
- maintains a website with resources for researchers, teachers, students, and general readers
- provides resources and support for researchers and teachers
- sponsors virtual and in-person programming for researchers, teachers, students, and general readers, such as reading groups, seminars, lectures, and conferences.

## V. Officers:

[to be added following the description of the RJA Treasurer:]

The Editor of *Jeffers Studies*, a peer-reviewed scholarly journal, is appointed by the President in consultation with the Advisory Board and serves at the President's pleasure. The term of appointment shall be five years and is renewable. The Editor is responsible for the timely publication of issues that are in accord with the Mission of RJA and that uphold academic standards. The Editor shall, in consultation with the journal's Editorial Board, maintain the journal's written policies and procedures and shall prepare an Annual Report to be submitted to the President and Advisory Board for review in advance of the annual business meeting. The Editor is also responsible for nominating members of the Editorial Board, whose appointments shall be ratified by the RJA Officers and Advisory Board.

[Revision to final unit in Officers:]

Elected members of the Advisory Board are nominated by any member of the Association. Advisory Board members are elected to a three-year term by majority vote of members returning ballots, one member elected every year to replace one whose term is ending. Advisory Board members aid the Officers in carrying on the business of the Association, help draft the Call for Papers, help plan the annual conference, and serve as a review committee for nominations of Officers and Advisory Board members.

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