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2. The number of members on the Board is determined by the need to:
 - provide sufficient members for the Officer positions listed above and to discharge other Board duties, including the moderation of submissions to the archive.
 - provide good representation of the profession.
3. Board members are appointed for three year, renewable terms. Membership of the Board and extension of membership term is by invitation from a consensus of current Board members.
4. Two Board members are:
 - a member of the Governing Board of the Philosophy of Science Association, appointed ex officio.
 - the editor-in-chief or an associate editor of the journal Philosophy of Science, appointed ex officio.

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