

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws 2017

THE PROCESS:

1. The Vice President oversees the annual review of the association's bylaws.
2. The Board discusses proposed changes at a minimum of two Board meetings.
3. The membership votes on these changes at the annual meeting.
4. We need a quorum 5% of membership or 40 members, whichever is greater.

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Changing the Treasurer's Term to Three years

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Article VI

Officers of the Association and Length of Terms

Current Language:

The officers of the Association shall consist of President, President-Elect, Vice President and Treasurer, who shall be elected in accordance with Article VII herein and who shall serve during the fiscal year August 1 – July 31. The President, President-Elect, and Vice-President shall serve for one year; ***the Treasurer shall serve for two years***. The Vice-President shall be elected annually; ***the Treasurer shall be elected every two years***. The President-Elect and the Vice President shall automatically become the President and President-Elect, respectively, effective each August 1.

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Article VI

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Rationale

Since signing on with McKenna Management to assist with association management, treasurer duties have evolved from a mainly clerical to more decision making and fiscal management. Therefore the learning curve for this role has increased.

Having the treasurer serve a three year term will allow them to develop a comfort level that would make a more efficient transition to the next treasurer. Discussions were had with previous treasurers and the executive committee before the decision was made to make this recommendation.

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Section D – Treasurer

Current Language:

The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years and may be re-elected for up to two (2) additional two-year terms but is not eligible for subsequent re-election to that position for eight (8) years

Proposed Language:

The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of **three** years and may be re-elected for up to one (1) additional **three**-year term but is not eligible for subsequent re-election to that position for eight (8) years.

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Section E – Terms of Office

Current Language:

3. The Treasurer serves a two-year term

Proposed Language:

3. The Treasurer serves a **three**-year term

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Section F – Vacancies

Current Language:

Treasurer: If the Treasurer is unable to complete her or his term of office, the Treasurer's position will be placed on the next regular election ballot for a new two-year term. . . .

Proposed Language:

Treasurer: If the Treasurer is unable to complete her or his term of office, the Treasurer's position will be placed on the next regular election ballot for a new **three**-year term .

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Identifying the current and correct title of our DESE representative

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Article V

Section B – Executive Board

Current Language:

The Executive Director for Nutrition, Health, and Safety Programs, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, as advisor of the Board,

Proposed Language:

Director of the Office for Food and Nutrition Programs, MA Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, as advisor of the Board,

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Article V

Section B – Executive Board

Rationale:

To reflect the current and correct title of our DESE representative

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Correcting language to accurately reflect current practice of vote counting in
SNA of MA elections.

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Article VII

Section D - Vote Counting

Current Language

The SNA of Massachusetts office will bring all ballots to the next Board Meeting before May 10 to be counted by the Board. If a Board meeting is not scheduled before May 10, the President will call for an Executive Committee meeting and the ballots will be counted by the Executive Committee.

Proposed Language

The SNA of Massachusetts office will forward the electronic results to the board members before May 10 to be verified by the board.

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Article VII

Section D - Vote Counting

Rationale:

To reflect current practice

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