

Proposed change to the TEDA Bylaws
Section IV: Board of Directors

The Executive Board reviewed our current bylaws following a request from a chapter that led to a discussion of the process TEDA uses to fill board vacancies, specifically those of the president and president elect. When the bylaws were written, those being elected to President Elect had experience on the board either in another position, on a committee, or some other capacity. This is not always the case at this time, which could lead to hardship on the part of the president elect if she/he has to move into the president's position without board experience. The board believes it would best meet the needs of the board and TEDA as an organization to have the immediate past president step back into the position of president to provide experience for the board.

The current bylaws state:

- D. Vacancies in the Executive Board will be filled as follows:
 - 1. The President-Elect shall succeed to the office of the President at the expiration of the President's term of office or when a vacancy occurs in the office of the President.
 - 2. If a vacancy occurs in any office except that of the President or President-Elect, the Executive Board shall appoint a member to serve only until the end of the term or until replaced by a duly elected successor.

The TEDA Executive Board proposes the following change to the current bylaws:

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- D. Vacancies in the Executive Board will be filled as follows:
 - 1. The President-Elect shall succeed to the office of the President at the expiration of the President's term of office.
 - 2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President (during the President's term), the immediate Past President will move back into the position of President and the Executive Board will seek and approve a former Past President to return to the Executive Board to complete the term of the Past President position left vacant.
 - 3. If the term of the President Elect is vacant, the Board will hold an immediate election to elect a new President-Elect.
 - 4. If a vacancy occurs in any office except that of the President or President-Elect, the Executive Board shall appoint a member to serve only until the end of the term or until replaced by a duly elected successor.