

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws Spring 2016

Proposed amendments highlighted in yellow.

Constitution

Article IV - Officers

Section 2. The elected officers of the Region shall be a President, President-Elect, Vice President for Conference Planning, Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning, Vice President for Membership, Immediate Past-President, Treasurer, **Treasurer-Elect**, Government Relations Chair, **Government Relations Chair-Elect**, Public Relations Chair.

Motion: Add new Treasurer-Elect and Government Relations Chair-Elect positions to the list of elective officers of the region.

Rationale: Adding elect positions for Treasurer and Government Relations Chair will allow the elected member to have one term to fully learn and understand the extensive duties of these positions before taking on full responsibility therein.

Article V - Executive Board

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board consisting of **eleven (11) thirteen (13)** voting members: President, President-Elect, Vice President for Conference Planning, Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning, Vice President for Membership, Immediate Past-President, Treasurer, **Treasurer-Elect**, Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative (elected by MARAMTS), Government Relations Chair, **Government Relations Chair-Elect**, Public Relations Chair, and Student Representative (elected by MARAMTS). The Recording Secretary, Editor, Historian, and Assembly Chair shall be ex-officio members without the right to vote.

Motion: Add Treasurer-Elect and Government Relations Chair-Elect as elective offices with voting privileges.

Rationale: Participating fully in the Parliamentary process during the 2 years in elect positions will better prepare these officers for their future roles.

Bylaws

Article III - Duties of Elected Officers

Section 8. The Treasurer-Elect shall: study the duties of the Treasurer in order to be prepared at the appropriate time to take over the responsibilities of the office; assist the Treasurer as requested; maintain communication with the Treasurer; serve as Conference Treasurer for conferences of the Region; assume all duties of the Treasurer in case of resignation or removal of the Treasurer; attend Regional Executive Board meetings and conferences of the Region during their term of office; serve as a member of the Finance Committee; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Section 8 9.
Section 9 10.

Motion: Adopt new Section 8 as written and renumber subsequent sections.

Rationale: Adding duties for the Treasurer-Elect position addressed in Constitution Article IV, Section 2.

Section 11. The Government Relations Chair-Elect shall: study the duties of the Government Relations Chair in order to be prepared at the appropriate time to take over the responsibilities of the office; assist the Government Relations Chair as requested; maintain communication with the Government Relations Chair; assume all duties of the Government Relations Chair in case of resignation or removal of the Government Relations Chair; attend Regional Executive Board meetings during their term of office; participate in regional State Task Force conference calls; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Section 10 12.
Section 11 13.

Motion: Adopt new Section 11 as written and renumber subsequent sections.

Rationale: Adding duties for the Government Relations Chair-Elect position addressed in Constitution Article IV, Section 2.

Article VI - Elections, Terms of Office, and Vacancies

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall draw up a slate of consenting candidates for each elective office to be presented, along with respective biographical information, to the general membership at the annual regional conference or via special election procedures as specified in the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 5. The Committee shall make every attempt to present at least two (2) candidates for each elective office. They shall also draw up a slate of at least twice as many nominees as there are designated positions for the Assembly of Delegates. Additional nominees of consenting candidates for elective offices shall be accepted from the floor at the annual regional conference or via special election procedures as specified in the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 5.

Motion: Adopt new Section 2 as written.

Rationale: Added wording to reflect the proposed addition of Bylaws, Article VI, Section 5, which details special election procedures.

Section 3. All regular and special elections shall be held by secret ballot except in the case of a special election in which there is only one nominee. For regular elections, ballots will be distributed no later than two (2) weeks following the conclusion of the annual regional conference. All nominees shall be listed on the Region's website with accompanying biographical information. For each office, the nominee receiving the

greater or greatest number of votes shall be considered elected. In the event that this greater or greatest number is a tie, a deciding vote shall be cast by the members of the outgoing Executive Board. This shall apply to tie votes for the Assembly only when the tie would result in (a) one candidate serving on the Assembly and the other serving as an Alternate; or (b) one candidate serving as an Alternate and the other not being included as an Alternate. Ties within the list of Alternates shall be ranked and called at the discretion of the President. ~~During a special election, should only one nominee be identified by the end of the final business meeting at the regional conference, the members present can vote for the one nominee thereby suspending the ballot process.~~ The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the results for publication in the first edition of the official regional publication following the election and shall notify AMTA of the election results.

Motion: Adopt section 3 as written, removing strikethrough portions.

Rationale: This section was changed to reflect procedures for regular elections only. Information regarding special elections is reflected in the proposed addition to the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 5.

Section 7 4. Should a vacancy occur in an elective office, which is not filled through regular succession of that office, the President shall appoint someone to fill that position until the next annual regional conference. ~~Immediately thereafter, the vacant position shall be filled by~~ until it is filled by regular or special election, as specified in the Bylaws, Article VI, Sections ~~2 and 3~~ 2, 3, and 5.

Motion: Adopt previous Section 7, new Section 4 as written, removing strikethrough portions.

Rationale: This section was moved to maintain organization between Section 3 and Section 5. This Section makes it clear that vacancies will lead to special elections, even between conferences.

Section 5. A special election will be completed within four (4) months of the vacancy of an elective office, which is not filled through regular succession of that office, as specified in the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4. In the event a special election is held between conferences of the Region, the nomination and election shall be conducted via electronic media as follows: The Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees to the members. In the two (2) weeks that follow, members may nominate additional consenting candidates. Ballots will then be distributed within two (2) weeks following the end of the nomination period. When a special election is held during a regional conference, should only one nominee be identified by the end of the final business meeting of the same conference, the members present can vote for the one nominee, thereby suspending the ballot process.

Section 4 6.

Motion: Adopt new Section 5 as written and renumber subsequent section.

Rationale: Information in this Section outlines procedures for special elections. It was decided that this information should have its own Section for ease and clarity of presenting the information in the Bylaws.

Section 5 7. All elected officers except the Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, and Assembly Delegates shall commence office June 1st and continue for a term of two (2) years or until the next subsequent election. The incoming President shall be formally introduced at the closing session of the annual spring conference. The Treasurer's and Treasurer-Elect's terms will commence with the start of the new fiscal year following the election. The Assembly Delegates' term of office will coincide with the terms of the national officers.

Section 6 8.

Motion: Add details of Treasurer-Elect's term to Section 5, and renumber this and subsequent section.

Rationale: Newly created position requires delineation of term of office.

Article VIII - National Standing Committees and Boards

Section 1. The National Standing Committees are: Academic Program Approval Committee, Affiliate Relations Committee, Association Internship Approval Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Employment and Public Relations Committee, Government Relations Committee, International Relations Committee, Membership Committee, Professional Advocacy Committee, Reimbursement Committee, Research Committee, ~~Special Target Populations~~ Clinical Practice Networking Committee, Standards of Clinical Practice Committee, and Technology Committee.

Motion: Adopt new wording, removing strikethrough portion.

Rationale: This amendment is consistent with AMTA's renaming of this standing committee.

Article IX - Regional Committees and Auxiliary Organizations

Section 2. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, who shall serve as chair, Treasurer-Elect, President, President-Elect, Past President and at least one (1) MAR member. Duties of the Finance Committee shall be to make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding fiduciary responsibility of the financial resources held by the region; to assist the Treasurer in the construction of the proposed annual budget; and to assist the Treasurer in developing and maintaining fiscal policy recommendations to the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Government Relations Committee shall consist of the Government Relations Chair, Government Relations Chair-Elect, and the members of the State Task Forces within MAR. The State Task Forces include at least three and no more than six professional voting members and one Student Representative. Duties of the Government Relations Chair and Government Relations Chair-Elect are specified in the Bylaws, Article III, Sections 9-10 and 11. Duties of the Government Relations Committee

members are to participate in AMTA national advocacy activities and assist with the implementation of the AMTA and CBMT State Recognition Operational Plan within MAR.

Motion: Add Treasurer-Elect and Government Relations Chair-Elect to their respective committees.

Rationale: Service on these committees is specified in the Bylaws, Article III, Sections 8 and 11.

Respectfully submitted,
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