

2018 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REVISIONS AND RATIONALE

Proposed amendments highlighted in yellow.

Rationales are highlighted in aqua

Constitution

Article IV - Officers

Current: Section 3. The officers elected by the Mid-Atlantic Region Association of Music Therapy Students, hereinafter referred to as MARAMTS, shall be the Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative and the Student Representative. The officer elected by the Assembly Delegates and Alternates shall be the Assembly Chair.

Proposed: Section 3. The officers elected by the Mid-Atlantic Region Association of Music Therapy Students, hereinafter referred to as MARAMTS, shall be the **Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative** **Student Affairs Advisor** and the Student Representative. The officer elected by the Assembly Delegates and Alternates shall be the Assembly Chair.

Rationale: Changing Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative to Student Affairs Advisor clarifies the title of the position

Article IV - Officers

Current: Section 4. The appointed officers of the Region shall be the Recording Secretary, Editor of the official regional publication (hereinafter referred to as the Editor), Historian.

Proposed: Section 4. The appointed officers of the Region shall be the **Parliamentarian**, **Assembly Chair**, Recording Secretary, Editor of the official regional publication (hereinafter referred to as the Editor), Historian **and Archivist**.

Rationale: Adding Parliamentarian, Assembly Chair and Archivist to list of appointed officers makes it consistent with the current makeup of the Executive Board

Article V - Executive Board

Current: Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board consisting of 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.

Proposed: Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board consisting of 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 Student Affairs Advisor** (elected by MARAMTS), Government Relations Chair, Government Relations Chair-Elect, Public Relations Chair, and Student Representative (elected by MARAMTS). The **Parliamentarian**, Recording Secretary, Editor, Historian, **Archivist**, and Assembly Chair shall be ex-officio members without the right to vote.

Rationale: Changing Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative to Student Affairs Advisor clarifies the title of the position and adding Parliamentarian and Archivist to list of appointed officers makes it consistent with the current makeup of the Executive Board

Article VIII - Regional Councils and Committees

Current: Section 1. There shall be two standing councils: The National Service Council, and The Conference Council. Members to these councils shall be appointed by the President, with approval of the Executive Board, unless it is already a duty of an elected or appointed position. All council members shall perform such duties as specified in the Bylaws.

Proposed: Section 1. There shall be two standing councils: **The National Services Council**, and The **Regional** Conference Council. Members to these councils shall be appointed by the President, with approval of the Executive Board, unless it is already a duty of an elected or appointed position. All council members shall perform such duties as specified in the Bylaws.

Current: Section 2. The National Service Council shall be chaired by the Immediate Past-President and include regional representatives to the AMTA standing committees, regional members who sit as members of the AMTA Board of Directors, and the regional representative to the Judicial Review Board.

Proposed: Section 2. **The National Services Council** shall be chaired by the Immediate Past-President and include regional representatives to the AMTA standing committees, regional members who sit as members of the AMTA Board of Directors, and the regional representative to the Judicial Review Board.

Rationale: Changing the titles of National Service Council to National Services Council and Conference Council to Regional Conference Council makes the titles of the positions consistent with AMTA

Article VIII - Regional Councils and Committees

Current: Section 3. The Conference Council shall be chaired by the Vice President for Conference Planning and shall include the Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning; the Regional Event Planner, the Exhibits Coordinator, the Local Host(s), the Continuing Music Therapy Education Coordinator for Regional Conferences, Public Relations Chair, and the Vice President of MARAMTS.

Proposed: Section 3. The **Regional Conference Council** shall be chaired by the Vice President for Conference Planning and shall include the Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning, the Regional Event Planner, the Exhibits Coordinator, the Local Host(s), the **Continuing Music Therapy Education Coordinator for Regional Conferences** Continuing Education Coordinator, the Public Relations Chair, and the Vice President of MARAMTS.

Rationale: Adding the word Regional before Conference Council and changing Continuing Music Therapy Education Coordinator for Regional Conference to Continuing Education Coordinator clarifies titles of positions

Article VIII - Regional Councils and Committees

Current: Section 4. Members of the Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Government Relations Committee, Public Relations Committee, Research Committee, and Regional Ad Hoc Committees shall be appointed by the President with Executive Board approval. The Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Government Relations Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Research Committee shall perform such duties as specified in the Bylaws. The regional ad hoc committees shall perform such duties as authorized by the Executive Board.

Proposed: Section 4. Members of the **Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Government Relations Committee, Historical Preservation Committee, Nominating Committee, Public Relations Committee, Regional Ad Hoc Committees, and Research Committee** shall be appointed by the President with Executive Board approval. **The Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Government Relations Committee, Historical Preservation Committee, Nominating Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Research Committee** shall perform

such duties as specified in the Bylaws. The regional ad hoc committees shall perform such duties as authorized by the Executive Board.

Rationale: Committees are listed in alphabetical order for ease of reading. Historical Preservation Committee is added to preserve and promote history of the MAR.

Article VIII - Regional Councils and Committees

Current: Article IX - Special Interest Groups and State Chapters

Members of the Region may petition the Executive Board to approve the formation of Special Interest Groups or State Chapters of the MAR. The Executive Board, in turn, may approve such Special Interest Groups or State Chapters, in accordance with procedures specified in the Bylaws.

Proposed: Article IX - Special Interest Groups and State Chapters Associations

Members of the Region may petition the Executive Board to approve the formation of Special Interest Groups or State Chapters Associations of the MAR. The Executive Board, in turn, may approve such Special Interest Groups or State Chapters Associations, in accordance with procedures specified in the Bylaws.

Rationale: Currently, all states that have associations are named as such

Article X - Meetings

Current: Section 3. A meeting of the Region may be called at the National Conference at the discretion of the Regional Executive Board.

Proposed: Section 3. A membership meeting of the Region shall be called at the National Conference. The President shall coordinate with the AMTA Vice President to ensure meeting is scheduled.

Rationale: Membership meeting at the national conference has become standard practice and is an important vehicle of updating membership.

Article XI - Quorum

Current: Section 2. Regional business meetings: quorum of the Executive Board plus twenty-five (25) other professional members of the Region shall constitute quorum. At no time shall the lack of quorum at a non-business session prevent those present from proceeding with the program of the day.

Proposed: Section 2. ~~Regional business meetings: quorum~~ Quorum of the Executive Board plus twenty-five (25) other professional members of the Region shall constitute quorum ~~for regional business meetings~~. At no time shall the lack of quorum at a non-business session prevent those present from proceeding with the program of the day.

Rationale: Re-wording provides clarity.

BYLAWS

Article I - Membership

Current: Section 3. Only professional members in good standing, student members who have been professional members but have returned to graduate school and student status, and Honorary Life Members who are eligible for professional membership may hold office or vote.

Section 3. Only professional members in good standing, student members who have been professional members but have returned to graduate school and student status, **retired professional members** and Honorary Life Members who are eligible for professional membership may hold office or vote.

Rationale: AMTA bylaws specify that retired professional members are provided with the privileges on the national and regional level, including the right to vote and hold office.

Article III - Duties of Elected Officers

Current: Section 4. The Vice President for Membership shall: succeed to the presidency in case of the resignation of the President, President-Elect, and the Vice President for Conference Planning; chair the Regional Services Council; serve as regional representative to the Membership Committee of the AMTA; maintain official statistical records of the membership for the Mid-Atlantic Region; correspond with members on related matters; correspond with the national Director of Membership Services to facilitate the transmission of information to the regional members; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; serve as Regional Membership Chair; coordinate the implementation of the website and email tree; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Proposed: Section 4. The Vice President for Membership shall: succeed to the presidency in case of the resignation of the President, President-Elect, and the Vice President for Conference Planning; chair the Regional Services Council; serve as regional representative to the Membership Committee of the AMTA; maintain official statistical records of the membership for the Mid-Atlantic Region; correspond with members on related matters; correspond with the national Director of Membership Services to facilitate the transmission of information to the regional members; **coordinate professional scholarships; highlight membership contributions;**

coordinate emergency crisis response efforts; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; **serve as Regional Membership Chair; coordinate the implementation of the website and email tree;** establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Rationale: The addition of: coordinate professional scholarships; highlight membership contributions; coordinate emergency crisis response efforts to description of duties; and deletion of: serve as Regional Membership Chair; coordinate the implementation of the website and email tree; updates job responsibilities to reflect current duties

Article III - Duties of Elected Officers

Current: Section 5. The Immediate Past President shall: endeavor to effect a smooth transition of power by assisting and advising the new President as necessary; chair the National Services Council; chair the Nominating Committee appointed by the President; present the slate of nominees to the membership; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; serve as a member of the Assembly of Delegates; serve as a member of a Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee; communicate with, advise, and guide corresponding student officer; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Proposed: Section 5. The Immediate Past President shall: endeavor to effect a smooth transition of power by assisting and advising the new President as necessary; chair the National Services Council; chair the Nominating Committee appointed by the President; present the slate of nominees to the membership; **facilitate the election of the Assembly Chair;** attend Regional Executive Board meetings; serve as a member of the Assembly of Delegates; serve as a member of a Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee; **communicate with, advise, and guide corresponding student officer;** **serve as a member of the Historical Preservation Committee;** establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Rationale: Add responsibility of facilitation of election of Assembly Chair and serve as member of Historical Preservation Committee to clarify duties. Delete statement regarding corresponding student officer because MARAMTS does not have an Immediate Past President.

Article III - Duties of Elected Officers

Current: Section 9. The Public Relations Chair shall: coordinate regional public relations efforts; serve as regional representative to the Workforce Development and Retention Committee of AMTA; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; request that the President appoint Public Relations Committee members, as needed, to assist in developing and maintaining public relations efforts across the region; maintain regular communication with Public Relations Committee to assist them in fulfilling their duties as outlined in Article IX, Section 3, of the Bylaws; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual, written report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President and Executive Board.

Proposed: Section 9. The Public Relations Chair shall: coordinate regional public relations efforts; **maintain the Regional website and social media outlets; facilitate communication between the webmaster the the Executive Board**; serve as regional representative to the Workforce Development and Retention Committee of AMTA; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; request that the President appoint Public Relations Committee members, as needed, to assist in developing and maintaining public relations efforts across the region; maintain regular communication with Public Relations Committee to assist them in fulfilling their duties as outlined in Article IX, Section 3, of the Bylaws; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual, written report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President and Executive Board.

Rationale: Clarification of responsibilities

Article III - Duties of Elected Officers

Current: Section 12. The Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative shall: serve as the regional representative to the Student Affairs Advisory Board of AMTA; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; serve as a conduit for student problems and concerns, referring to appropriate committees and officers; keep the Regional Executive Board advised of all regional and national student activities; communicate with, advise, and guide corresponding student officer; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit a written report at the annual regional conference; coordinate and administrate the Jenny Shinn Memorial Scholarship, the Sophomore and Junior Scholarships, and any other student scholarships/awards initiated by the MAR or MARAMTS; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Proposed: Section 12. The **Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative Student Affairs Advisor** shall: serve as the regional representative to the Student Affairs Advisory Board of

AMTA; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; serve as a conduit for student problems and concerns, referring to appropriate committees and officers; keep the Regional Executive Board advised of all regional and national student activities; communicate with, advise, and guide corresponding student officer; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit a written report at the annual regional conference; coordinate and administrate the Jenny Shinn Memorial Scholarship, the Sophomore and Junior Scholarships, and any other student scholarships/awards initiated by the MAR or MARAMTS; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Rationale: Clarifies the title of position.

Article IV - Duties of Appointed Officers

Current: Section 1. The Recording Secretary shall: send out meeting announcements; distribute agendas; keep minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board and the general membership; tally and record all email votes in the Executive Board files, notify the President of the outcome, and include the results in their report to Board; and assure that corporate minutes are maintained. The Recording Secretary shall submit copies of all minutes to the Executive Board, Regional Delegates and Alternates to the AMTA Assembly, and the Archivist. Minutes shall be made available to the general membership upon request. The Recording Secretary shall also: communicate with, advise, and guide the corresponding student officer; 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.

Proposed: Section 1. The Recording Secretary shall: send out meeting announcements; distribute agendas; keep minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board and the general membership; tally and record all email votes in the Executive Board files, notify the President of the outcome, and include the results in their report to Board; and assure that corporate minutes are maintained. The Recording Secretary shall submit copies of all minutes to the Executive Board, **the Archivist, and the webmaster for posting on the Regional website.** ~~Regional Delegates to the AMTA Assembly and Alternates, and the Archivist. Minutes shall be made available to the general membership upon request.~~ The Recording Secretary shall also: communicate with, advise, and guide the corresponding student officer; 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.

Rationale: Clarification of responsibilities

Article IV - Duties of Appointed Officers

Current: Section 4. The Historian shall publish any findings of historical value in the regional publication; coordinate historical displays and the dissemination of historical information; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Proposed: Section 4. The Historian shall, **with the Archivist, co-chair the Historical Preservation Committee; preserve and share pertinent events within the MAR;** publish any findings of historical value in the regional publication; coordinate historical displays and the dissemination of historical information; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Rationale: Clarification of responsibilities

Section 5. The Parliamentarian shall: be knowledgeable of the MAR Constitution and By-Laws as well as Robert's Rules of Order, most recent edition; assist the MAR Executive Board in interpreting the Constitution, By-Laws and rules of order; and advise the President on the proper procedures for the conduct of Executive Board and Regional business meetings.

Rationale: The addition of the Parliamentarian's job description provides clarity to the position's duties and responsibilities

Section 6: The Archivist shall, with the Historian, co-chair the Historical Preservation Committee; maintain the regional Archives, including identifying best methods for maintaining, storing, and (when appropriate) digitizing various types of documents and artifacts; forward appropriate items to the AMTA Archivist for permanent preservation in the AMTA Archives; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Rationale: The addition of the Archivist's job description provides clarity to the position's duties and responsibilities

Article V - Appointed Positions

Current: Appointed positions shall consist of the following: Parliamentarian, Registration Chair of the Regional Conference, Public Relations Representatives, Members of the MAR Government Relations Committee, Archivist, Continuing Music Therapy Education Coordinator, Exhibits Coordinator, Regional Event Planner, and Assistant Editor, should one be needed. Specific duties of each position shall be defined and assigned by the President and/or the Executive Board. The Region will maintain handbooks delineating the current duties of each appointed position.

Proposed: Appointed positions shall consist of the following: **Parliamentarian**, Registration Chair of the Regional Conference, Public Relations Representatives, Members of the MAR Government Relations Committee, **Archivist**, Continuing Music Therapy Education Coordinator, Exhibits Coordinator, Regional Event Planner, and Assistant Editor, should one be needed. Specific duties of each position shall be defined and assigned by the President and/or the Executive Board. The Region will maintain handbooks delineating the current duties of each appointed position.

Rationale: Parliamentarian and Archivist are listed under Appointed Officers

Article VI - Elections, Terms of Office, and Vacancies

Current: Section 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 it is filled by regular or special election, as specified in the Bylaws, Article VI, Sections 2, 3, and 5.

Proposed: Section 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 it is filled by regular or special election, as specified in the Bylaws, Article VI, Sections 2, 3, and 5. **Should a vacancy occur in the Immediate Past President position, the President will appoint someone to fill that position for the remainder of the term with preference being given to former Past Presidents.**

Rationale: The role of the Immediate Past President requires knowledge gained through succession to that office.

Article VI - Elections, Terms of Office, and Vacancies

Current: Section 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

Proposed: Section 7. All elected officers except the Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, Student Affairs Advisor and Assembly Delegates shall commence office June 1st at the conclusion of the summer transition meeting 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.

Rationale: Updated wording to include Student Affairs Advisor and change the date of the transition timeline reflects current practices

Article VI - Elections, Terms of Office, and Vacancies

Current: Section 9. 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 regular or special election, as specified in the Bylaws, Article VI, Sections 2 and 3.

Proposed: Section 9. 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 regular or special election, as specified in the Bylaws, Article VI, Sections 2 and 3.

Rationale: Section 9 is worded very similarly to Article VI, Section 4, therefore is redundant and Article VI, Section 9 can be deleted

Article VI - Elections, Terms of Office, and Vacancies

Current: Section 9. Removal of an officer shall be dealt with as stated in Article XIII-75, Trial of Members of Societies in Robert's Rules of Order.

Proposed: Section 10-9. Removal of an officer shall be dealt with as stated in Article XIII-75, Trial of Members of Societies in Robert's Rules of Order.

Rationale: Update section number to Section 9 as with the removal of the previous section, re-numbering is necessary

Article VII - Assembly of Delegates

Current: Section 3. The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected by secret ballot as outlined in Article VI, Section 4. Immediately following the Assembly-Elect meeting at national conference in odd-numbered years, the Assembly Delegates and Alternates present shall elect one Delegate to serve as Assembly Chair. Current voting members of the Executive Board shall be deemed ineligible to serve as Assembly Chair.

Proposed: Section 3. The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected by secret ballot as outlined in Article VI, Section 4-3. ~~Immediately following the Assembly-Elect meeting at national conference in odd-numbered years, the Assembly Delegates and Alternates present shall elect one Delegate to serve as Assembly Chair. Current voting members of the Executive Board shall be deemed ineligible to serve as Assembly Chair.~~ In odd-numbered years, the Assembly Delegates and Alternates shall elect one Delegate to serve as Assembly Chair in an email vote coordinated by the Immediate Past President within one (1) month following the annual AMTA conference. Current voting members of the Executive Board, as well as Alternate Delegates, shall be deemed ineligible to serve as Assembly Chair.

Rationale: Lists the correct section number and clarifies the election process for the Assembly Chair

Article VIII - National Standing Committees and Boards

Current: Section 1. The National Standing Committees are: Academic Program Approval Committee, Affiliate Relations Committee, Association Internship Approval Committee, Clinical Practice Networking Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee, Government Relations Committee, International Relations

Committee, Membership Committee, Professional Advocacy Committee, Reimbursement Committee, Research Committee, Standards of Clinical Practice Committee, and Technology Committee, Workforce Development and Retention Committee.

Proposed: Section 1. The National Standing Committees are: Academic Program Approval Committee, **Affiliate Relations Committee**, Association Internship Approval Committee, Clinical Practice Networking Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee, Government Relations Committee, International Relations Committee, **Interprofessional Collaborative Resources Committee**, Membership Committee, Professional Advocacy Committee, Reimbursement Committee, Research Committee, Standards of Clinical Practice Committee, Technology Committee, and Workforce Development and Retention Committee.

Rationale: Change reflects current name of AMTA Committee and places committees in alphabetical order

Current: Section 2. The National Boards are the Judicial Review Board and the Student Affairs Advisory Board.

Proposed: Section 2. The National Boards **which include regional representation** are the Judicial Review Board and the Student Affairs Advisory Board.

Rationale: Clarifies language

Section 7. Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Music Therapy Students

(a) The Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Music Therapy Students (MARAMTS) is the official student organization of the MAR and will conform to the requirements for auxiliary organizations as specified in the Bylaws.

Section 7. ~~Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Music Therapy Students (a)~~ The Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Music Therapy Students (MARAMTS) is the official student organization of the MAR and will conform to the requirements for auxiliary organizations as specified in the Bylaws.

Rationale: Removal of redundant wording

Article IX - Regional Committees and Auxiliary Organizations

Proposed: Section 6. The Historical Preservation Committee shall consist of the Historian and Archivist, who shall serve as Co-Chairs, the Immediate Past President, a student representative, and other members deemed necessary by the Co-Chairs. Duties of the Historical Preservation Committee are to serve as a resource for MAR members interested in historical research; submit articles to the regional newsletter; coordinate the presentation of historical sessions at the annual conference; prepare and exhibit archival materials at the MAR booth and AMTA and MAR conferences; and support and assist the Archivist in obtaining and preserving items for the Regional Archives.

Rationale: New section needed to outline duties of this newly-formed committee.

Current: Article X - Special Interest Groups and State Chapters

Section 1. Members of the Mid-Atlantic Region may petition the Executive Board for recognition as a Special Interest Group for reasons of professional development in specialized areas of clinical practice. Members desiring to form a Special Interest Group (SIG) must present a request in writing from five (5) members stating the specialty area involved, the need for the SIG, and the educational and professional goals for the SIG. SIGs may request special programming for the annual conference and/or offer workshops and symposia in their field of specialization with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Members desiring to form a State Chapter of the MAR must present a request in writing, a copy of their Constitution and Bylaws and a current roster to the MAR President. These documents must be re-submitted when changes are made.

Section 3. SIGs and State Chapters may request special programming or meetings for the annual conference and/or offer workshops and symposia in their field of specialization with the approval of the Executive Board. Recognition is contingent upon an affirmative majority vote of the Executive Board.

Proposed: Article X - Special Interest Groups and State Chapters Associations

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SIGs may request special programming for the annual conference and/or offer workshops and symposia in their field of specialization with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Members desiring to form a State ~~Chapters~~ Associations of the MAR must present a request in writing, a copy of their Constitution and Bylaws and a current roster to the MAR President. These documents must be re-submitted when changes are made.

Section 3. SIGs and State ~~Chapters~~-Associations may request special programming or meetings for the annual conference and/or offer workshops and symposia in their field of specialization with the approval of the Executive Board. Recognition is contingent upon an affirmative majority vote of the Executive Board.

Rationale: Currently, all states that have associations are named as such

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