

BYLAW CHANGE COMPARISON

Article 6 – Terms of Office | Article 7 – Election Procedure

For Membership Review

HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT

GRAY TEXT = current/original bylaw language provided for comparison.

YELLOW HIGHLIGHT = proposed revised language or a substantive change.

Strikeout is not used so the document remains easy to read; deleted or replaced provisions are identified in the comparison notes.

AT A GLANCE — WHAT IS CHANGING?

Terms: Officers serve 2-year terms.

President: Only the President is elected by the general membership, at the end of the President's 2-year term.

Other positions: All other officer positions are appointed by the Board of Directors.

Term limits: An individual may serve up to 3 consecutive 2-year terms in any one position, and may serve up to 3 terms in each other officer position.

Vacancies: The Board fills vacancies, including a vacancy in the presidency, for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Election cycle: The old annual/staggered election system is removed.

PART I — ORIGINAL BYLAWS

Article 6. Terms of Office

Each officer shall hold their position for two(2) years, commencing on the 1st day of July following the election until June 30th the following year until his/her successor is elected. If the parent/guardian's student graduates mid-term and they wish to vacate their position, their term will only be for one(1) year, and a special election will be called to fill the vacancy for a one(1) year term. At the end of the one(1) year term, the position will be up for re-election during the regularly scheduled election. This will pertain to all officers.

1. Elections will be held annually, with the positions of President and Secretary(s) being up for re-election in the odd numbered years, Vice President and Treasurer(s) being up for re-election in the even numbered years, based on the year in which the vote takes place. The original Executive board members (cir. 2023-24) will have the option to stay in place for an additional two(2)-year term, or until their student graduates if this is less than two(2) years.
2. No two officers may be from the same family. This is to maintain proper separation of duties.
3. Officers may serve no more than two(2) consecutive terms in any one office.
4. Newly elected officers shall participate in any and all budget related meetings as set by the Executive Board between the election and the end of the current board's term.

Article 7: Election Procedure

Elections will be held on or before the last General Membership Meeting in May each year.

1. The Executive Board will set which General Membership Meeting will be designated as the election and announce the date of the election no later than the February General Membership Meeting.
2. The date of the election must be at least two(2) months after the announcement.
3. The Secretary (Corresponding) shall adopt a list of candidates for each position to be decided by general election. Eligible candidates are members in good standing.
4. At the General Meeting in the month before the election, the President will announce the names of the candidates and shall call for any additional nominations from the membership in attendance.
5. Nominations may be made from the floor by any eligible voting Member. Self-nominations are permitted. Any and all such nominations received from the floor and accepted by the nominee shall be added to the official list of candidates.
6. All Members present will be eligible to vote in the general election. Voting will be by secret ballot. Votes will be collected and counted by the Secretary (Corresponding). A simple majority of the eligible votes cast shall be required for the election to any of the offices.
7. The nominee who receives the most votes for each office shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates for whom an equal number of votes were cast on the first ballot shall

Original Vacancy Provision Supplied for Comparison

Section 4. Vacancies:

Upon acceptance of a letter of resignation from any officer, notice shall be given to the general membership of the

vacancy within fifteen days. The vacancy, except for president, shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the board of directors. A vacancy occurring in the office of president shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the 1st vice president. In the event the 1st vice president chooses not to assume the office of president, the general membership shall be notified and a special election shall be held by the general membership.

PART II — PROPOSED CHANGES

The following is the proposed replacement language. Yellow highlighting identifies language that changes the current bylaws or establishes a new rule.

Article 6. Terms of Office — Proposed

Each officer shall hold their position for a term of two (2) years, commencing on July 1 following the election or appointment and continuing through June 30 of the second year, or until their successor assumes the position.

1. Board Term Limits. An officer may serve no more than three (3) consecutive two-year terms in any one position. An officer who has completed three (3) terms in one position may serve up to three (3) consecutive two-year terms in each of the other officer positions, subject to the applicable election or appointment process.
2. The President shall be elected by the general membership at the end of each two (2)-year term in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article 7.
3. All other officer positions shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. When an officer's term expires, the Board of Directors may reappoint the current officer or appoint another eligible member to the position for a new two (2)-year term.
4. Newly elected or appointed officers shall participate in any and all budget-related meetings as set by the Board of Directors between their election or appointment and the beginning of their term.
5. No two officers may be from the same family. This is to maintain proper separation of duties.

Section 4. Vacancies — Proposed

Upon acceptance of a letter of resignation from any officer, notice shall be given to the general membership of the vacancy within fifteen (15) days.

A vacancy in any officer position, including President, shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by a person appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may appoint an eligible member in good standing to fill the vacancy.

If the office of President becomes vacant, the Board of Directors shall appoint an eligible member to serve as President for the remainder of the unexpired term. The appointed President shall serve until the next regularly scheduled presidential election.

Any person appointed to fill an unexpired term shall not be considered to have begun a new two-year term for purposes of the three-term limit unless the person subsequently serves a full two-year term in that position.

Article 7. Election Procedure — Proposed

The President shall be elected by the general membership every two (2) years, on or before the last General Membership Meeting in May of the applicable election year.

1. The Board of Directors will designate which General Membership Meeting will serve as the election meeting and shall announce the date of the election no later than the February General Membership Meeting.
2. The election date must be at least two (2) months after the announcement.

3. The Secretary (Corresponding) shall maintain a list of eligible candidates for the office of President. Eligible candidates shall be members in good standing and must meet any applicable requirements established by these bylaws.
4. At the General Membership Meeting in the month before the election, the President shall announce the names of the candidates and shall call for any additional nominations from the membership in attendance.
5. Nominations may be made from the floor by any eligible voting member. Self-nominations are permitted. Any nomination received from the floor and accepted by the nominee shall be added to the official list of candidates.
6. All members present who are eligible to vote shall be eligible to vote in the election. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Votes shall be collected and counted by the Secretary (Corresponding) or individuals designated by the Board of Directors. A simple majority of the eligible votes cast shall be required for election to the office of President.
7. The nominee who receives the most votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates receiving the equal number of highest votes shall participate in a subsequent ballot. Additional ballots shall be conducted until one candidate receives the required majority.
8. The Board of Directors shall appoint all other officer positions in accordance with Article 6. Such appointments shall be made no later than the beginning of the new term on July 1.
9. Appointments to officer positions shall be announced to the general membership. Appointed officers must be members in good standing and meet any applicable eligibility requirements established by these bylaws.

MEMBER-FRIENDLY CHANGE SUMMARY

Topic	Original	Proposed
Term length	2-year term	2-year term, clarified start/end dates
Who votes?	Membership votes on all officer positions	Membership votes only for President
Other officers	Elected by membership	Appointed by Board
Term limit	2 consecutive terms in one office	3 consecutive terms in one office; may serve 3 terms in each other office
Vacancy — other offices	Board fills vacancy	Board fills vacancy
Vacancy — President	1st VP assumes; possible special election	Board appoints President for remainder of term
Election frequency	Annual, staggered by office	Every 2 years for President
Student graduation	Special one-year term/election provision	Removed; resignation creates a vacancy filled by Board

Important: This is a member-review comparison document, not a statement that the amendments have been adopted. The proposed language should be approved according to the amendment procedure in the PTO's current bylaws.