

Amendment 9: Handling Vacancies in the Elected Officer positions

Purpose: The current bylaws are unclear as to the exact process for filling vacancies in the Elected Officers. Special Elections are described in the current bylaws but due to the proposal below, there will no longer be a need for them (if approved).

Original Text:

Article VI, Sections 3 and 4 currently read as follows:

Section 3. Vacancies

Effective fiscal year 2004, in the event of a vacancy in the President's office, the President-Elect shall succeed to that office.

In the event of a vacancy in the President-Elect's office, a special election (Article VI, Section 4) shall be held. The Immediate Past President shall chair the nominations committee.

In the event of a concurrent vacancy in the President and President-Elect's office, a special election shall be held. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President until a special election can take place. The Secretary shall chair the nominations committee.

Other vacancies of officer positions shall be filled by the Executive Board.

Section 4. Special Elections

Special elections shall be called and voting shall take place by ballot. The eligible voting membership shall be restricted to those paid members as of the date of the vacancy announcement.

The nominations committee shall convene and select a slate within twenty (20) days of the notice of the vacancy. Within ten (10) days of the approval of the slate, ballots will be available to all eligible voting members of the Association.

The announcement of the name of the President-Elect, or President and President-Elect, shall be made to the membership no more than sixty (60) days from the initial notice of the vacancy in the position. However, in the event that seventy-five (75) days or less remain from the notice of vacancy until the next regularly scheduled election of officers, the process for filling the vacancy shall coincide with the regular elections.

Amended Text:

Article VI, Sections 3 is proposed to be amended as follows, and Article VI, Section 4 is proposed to be removed:

Section 3. Vacancies

Officers providing vacancy notification shall do so to the Executive Board within seven (7) days of knowledge of ineligibility.

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Other vacancies of officer positions shall be filled by the Executive Board. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, the Executive Board shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term. If the vacancy is in the position of the President, the successor must have had previous experience as an Officer of the Executive Board as defined in Article VI, Section 1.

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