

ARTICLE IX

ELECTIONS

Original: (1) Elections of the Executive Board shall be held during the ordinary General Assembly in February. In the event that any Executive Board Members resign before completing their full term in office, elections may be held in an extraordinary General Assembly

Amendment: (1) Scheduling General Assembly-Elections:

(a) Elections of the Executive Board shall be held during the ordinary General Assembly in February. In the event that any Executive Board Members resign before completing their full term in office, elections may be held in an extraordinary General Assembly.

(b) If the Executive Board deems it is necessary to add new members to the board an extraordinary General Assembly may be held.

(2) The Executive Board shall start the election process two to three months prior to the actual elections by actively soliciting nominations for the election with the aim of finding the candidates and publishing their qualification statements via mail/e-mail before the elections.

Original: (3) General Assembly-Elections:

Amendment: (3) Executing General Assembly-Elections:

(a) At the General Assembly, the President of the Association shall open the meeting and, if a quorum is present in accordance with Article V (2) herein, the President shall request nominations from the floor for a three-member General Assembly Election Board, who shall then preside over the meeting. The Election Board members elect or identify among themselves the Chairperson of the Election Board. The other two members of the Election Board shall assist the Chairperson and record the proceedings. The Board's ultimate purpose is to complete the elections during that General Assembly.

(b) The Chairperson of the Election Board shall conduct the meeting in accordance with the ATASC-San Diego constitution and prepare the agenda for this meeting. The agenda shall include but is not confined to the discussions of the activity report of the Executive Board and the Auditor's financial report, resignation of the current (outgoing) Executive Board Members and the Auditor, election of the new Executive Board and the Auditor, miscellaneous business, and member's suggestions. The agenda shall also include a vote to absolve the Executive Board Members for ATASC-San Diego/the Association's financial accounts for the duration of their last term in office. Votes shall be cast by the General Assembly before the resignation of the outgoing Executive Board. The outgoing Executive Board Members cannot participate in the vote to absolve themselves. The General Assembly may make additions to the agenda of the meeting, provided there is a vote of at least one-fourth of members present to add an item to the agenda.

Amendment: (c) If the Executive Board requested a change in the number of Executive Board Members, the Chairperson of the Election Board shall invite the President of the Association to explain the purpose of such a request. The Election Board shall determine how the polling shall be executed. After the Chairperson presented the structure of polling to the General Assembly, members shall cast their votes. The votes shall be counted before the General Assembly, and the

Election Board shall enter the results into the official records of the Association. The request needs a simple majority to pass.

(4) If the General Assembly does not absolve the outgoing Executive Board, the General Assembly may vote to censure such Members and such Executive Board Members may never be re-elected to the Executive Board.

Original: (5) The Chairperson of the Election Board shall request group (at least five, but not limited) nominations, from the members who are present or from members who accepted the nomination, for positions as Executive Board Members and Auditor. After all of the nominations are received (at least six for the Executive Board and at least two for the Auditor), members shall cast their votes, by listing a maximum of five names for the Executive Board and maximum one for the Auditor, by secret ballot. The votes shall be counted before the General Assembly, and the Election Board shall enter the results into the official records of the Association. The five nominees' group who receive the highest number of votes shall become Members of the Executive Board. Amongst the remaining group, the two with the highest number of votes shall be considered as substitutes to the Executive Board. If a member of the Executive Board resigns or is unable to serve as a Member until the end of his/her term of office, the substitute with the most votes shall be asked to fill the vacancy.

Amendment: (5) The Election Board shall determine how the polling shall be executed. After the Chairperson of the Election Board presented the structure of polling to the General Assembly, the Chairperson shall request group or individual nominations as determined by the Election Board, from the members who are present or from members who accepted the nomination, for positions as Executive Board Members and Auditor. After all of the nominations are received(at least one more than the number of Executive Board Members as determined by the General Assembly for the Executive Board and at least two for Auditor, but not limited), members shall cast their votes, either for individual candidates or preferred candidate group for the Executive Board and maximum one for the Auditor. The votes shall be counted before the General Assembly, and the Election Board shall enter the results into the official records of the Association. The nominees or nominees' group who receive the highest number of votes shall become Members of the Executive Board. Amongst the remaining group, the two with the highest number of votes shall be considered as substitutes to the Executive Board. If a member of the Executive Board resigns or is unable to serve as a Member until the end of his/her term of office, the substitute with the most votes shall be asked to fill the vacancy.

(6) For a person to be nominated, he or she shall be a member in good standing for at least one year prior to the election or must be recommended by the Executive Board.

(7) Only the members who have paid their dues, in accordance with ARTICLE III (2) herein, are entitled to vote. Voting and nominations by written proxy shall be accepted for only one proxy for one attending member.

(8) The Executive Board shall be responsible to provide a copy of ATASC-San Diego's Constitution and a list of the members with dues paid to the General Assembly Election Board. Those who have paid their dues during the General Assembly Meeting shall be added to the membership list. Only the

members on such list shall be eligible to be nominated, pursuant to ARTICLE IX (6) herein and to cast votes.

(9) In the event the quorum under ARTICLE V (2) herein is not present for the General Assembly, elections may be conducted either with a second meeting or with a mail-in/email ballot the votes from which shall be collected/received and counted within 30 days after the first meeting. A quorum shall not be necessary for the second meeting and a decision may be approved by a vote of a majority of the members present.

In the event that mail-in/e-mail ballots are used, the returns shall be forwarded to the General Assembly Election Board Chairperson if he/she was elected in the first meeting, otherwise the returns shall be forwarded to the Executive Board for tally.

Original: (10) During the first meeting after election, Executive Board Members shall elect the President and the remaining officers amongst themselves. The Executive Board shall have the power to re-elect the officers, including the President, at anytime with at least three or more votes. All five Executive Board members must be present in person for such a re-election.

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