

Suggested Changes to the Mid Atlantic Region of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society

Article V:

Section 3. Qualifications , Election and Terms

- Any member in good standing shall be eligible for nomination and election to any elective office in the region, provided the member has been in good standing for one (1) year at the time of election and has consented to serve.
- Each Officer, **except the President Elect**, shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and no person shall be elected to the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms. **ADD: The President Elect shall be elected to serve 4 years (two (2) as President Elect and two (2) as President). The President Elect will serve a total of four (4) years.**
- No member can concurrently serve on the Board of Directors who is holding office as an Area Director to the national WOCN.
- The President-Elect, Secretary and Membership at Large I shall be elected in even numbered years.
- The Treasurer and Member-at-large II shall be elected in the odd numbered years
- The President-elect, Secretary, Member at Large I and Member at Large II shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the membership meeting at which their election/appointment is announced and shall continue in office until the conclusion of their term or until their successors are duly elected and qualified
- The Treasurer does not officially assume office until **after** the end of the calendar year and will collaborate with the outgoing Treasurer to transition the financial affairs of the Region.
- The President-elect shall automatically become the President two (2) years after **election. later.**
- Elections shall be completed thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. Management of Election
- **Management of Election** Ties: In the event there are more than two nominees for any office, the one with the greatest number of votes shall be **declared elected. In the event of a tie for an elected office defer to Roberts Rules.**

Section 9. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy of a board member, with exception of the President, the President will appoint a member in good standing to fill that vacant office. If the President vacates, the President-Elect assumes the duties of the President **for the remainder of the vacated term and continues to serve as President for the term to which they were duly elected.** The Board of Directors will **then** appoint a member in good standing to fill the President-Elect vacancy. The appointed President-Elect serves out the appointed term. An election will determine the next President-Elect.

Article VI: Duties of the Officers

Section 3 . Secretary's Duties:

The Secretary shall:

- Be responsible for the proper and legal mailing of notices to members as deemed necessary by the Board
- See to the proper recording of the proceedings of meetings of the Region and of its Board of Directors
- Carry into execution all orders, votes, and resolutions not otherwise committed
- ~~Maintain accurate membership records for the Region, including affiliates.~~ **Already in Article VII Standing Committees Section 4 Committees & Duties e. Membership**

Article VII: Standing Committees

Section 1. Appointment

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The Chairperson of all committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, shall be appointed by the President to serve a two year term with a limit of two terms. The Committee chairperson shall mentor members of the committee to provide for continuity and opportunity for leadership.

Section 4. Committees & Duties of Chairpersons

- Legislative Committee:
 - Shall keep membership current regarding nursing legislative issues and related topics to WOC Nursing via MAR website and/or e-mail.
 - Shall serve in collaboration with other committee members as determined by the MAR Scholarship requirements for NIWI attendees.

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