

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the state president has the distinct role of being responsible for managing the officer team;

Whereas, the other offices share similar roles that in practice are uncharacterized and indistinguishable;

Whereas, officer titles create a false sense of specific duties;

Whereas, many qualified candidates run for state office each year;

Whereas, the purpose of an election is to choose the most highly qualified candidates;

Whereas, the position each candidate receives is not necessarily reflective of their responsibilities;

Whereas, the state president must be the most highly qualified candidate in order to take charge of and guide the officer team;

Whereas, the presidential role is extremely important and requires experience;

Whereas, it is beneficial to prevent everyone from running for President because they know that they will be funneled into the regular officer pool if they lose; and

Whereas, the officer team would be most efficient if each officer was assigned duties according to their own abilities;

Whereas, not all required duties may be accounted for in the newly elected team of six (6) members;

Whereas, voting for less than five officers creates an unfair advantage as chapters may choose to only vote for candidates from their school or district; and

Whereas, partially abstaining by voting for less than five people can create an unfair advantage; be it

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 1.1 of the bylaws be amended by striking out the phrase “vice-president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, reporter, historian, and parliamentarian” and inserting in its place the phrase “and seven other state officers” so that the section reads “The PA-TSA officers shall consist of a president and seven other state officers.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 1.2 of the bylaws be amended by striking out the entire section and replacing it with the phrase “Elected officers will be the President and five other officers.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 1.3 of the bylaws be amended by striking out the entire section and replacing it with the phrase “Two additional officers will be appointed.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 2 be amended by striking out sections 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, and 2.8 and inserting in their place section 2.2 which shall read “*Officers*: It shall be the duty of the officers to attend all scheduled meetings of the PA-TSA State Officers under the discretion of the PA-TSA Executive Committee and/or the PA-TSA, Inc., Board of Directors; to serve in any capacity as directed by the president; and to be available, as necessary, in promoting the general welfare of PA-TSA. After being elected, officers must assign to themselves the following responsibilities: to accept the responsibility of the president as occasion may demand; to keep an up to date account of the regional activities of PA-TSA; to record proceedings of all meetings; to keep records and membership reports; to assist in the preparation and control of the meeting place; to accumulate and keep up-to-date information on the history of the association; to prepare articles for PA-TSA publications, professional magazines and journals, newspapers and other news media; to contact other association members concerning news items for publication; to assist in conducting all meetings according to Parliamentary Procedure as set forth by Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised; to document the activities of the state officer team and present the information visually to the state delegation at the state conference and any other time during his or her term in

office; to archive any other information at the discretion of the state officer team. This allocation of duties must be documented before the Bucknell Leadership Conference, and the document approved by the State Officer Advisor.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 3.5 be amended by striking out the phrase “Officer in the same office” and inserting in their place the word “President” so that the section reads “No individual may serve more than one term as a PA-TSA State President.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 3 be amended by adding Section 3.6 which shall read “All candidates for president will be reviewed by the Nomination Committee and the Committee will select no more than three (3) candidates. These candidates must all be determined to be qualified and the Committee may choose less than three (3) candidates if the Committee does not believe there are three (3) candidates qualified to run for the position of President. All applicants for President who are not selected may be entered into the regular officer pool.

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5.3 be amended by striking out the words “an office” and inserting in their place the phrase “the office of President” so that the section reads, “If there are more than two candidates for the office of President and a majority is not reached on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot will be dropped until a majority is reached.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5 be amended by adding Section 5.4 which shall read “There will be a separate pool of candidates for the election of President, and all candidates who are not elected as President will be automatically placed into the pool of other state officers. The Presidential election will take place before the Officer elections.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5 be amended by adding Section 5.5 which shall read “State Officers will be elected from a pool of State Officer candidates.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5 be amended by adding Section 5.6 which shall read “Each delegate may either vote for five officers or choose to abstain by voting

for no officers from the state officer pool. Each delegate may only vote for one candidate once. In addition, each delegate may choose to either vote for a Presidential candidate or choose to abstain from the Presidential pool.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5 be amended by adding Section 5.7 which shall read “If there are more than five candidates in the state officer pool the five highest vote getters will be elected.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5 be amended by adding Section 5.8 which shall read “If an unopposed Presidential candidate does not receive a majority vote or if there is no Presidential candidate, the delegates will elect six officers from the Officer pool. The highest vote getter will become the President and the next five highest vote getters will become State Officers.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 6.1 be amended by striking out the words “The Historian and Parliamentarian” and inserting in their place the words “Two additional officers, to meet the needs of the elected state officer team” so that the section reads “Two additional officers, to meet the needs of the elected state officer team, shall be appointed by the PA-TSA Executive Committee and approved by the PA-TSA, Inc., Board of Directors.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 6.2 be amended by striking out the word “Vice-President” and inserting in its place the words “officer tasked with the duty of accepting the responsibility of the president as occasion may demand” so that the section reads “The PA-TSA Executive Committee may fill by appointment any vacancy occurring among the State Officers for the unexpired term, except the office of President, which shall be filled by the officer tasked with the duty of accepting the responsibility of the president as occasion may demand.”

Resolved, That Article IV, Section 9 be amended by striking out the entire phrase and replacing it with the section “If less than five people apply to be a State officer by the official deadline date of the PA-TSA Officer candidate application, the elected PA-TSA State Officers will appoint a qualified PA-TSA member to fill the position(s) through an interview process until there are eight (8) State Officers.”