

2021 Proposed Bylaws Amendment #2

This proposal would amend Article VII (Elections), Sections 1 (a) and (b) of the Bylaws by striking “signed” and “Executive Director of Education Minnesota” and inserting “Education Minnesota Elections Committee.”

ARTICLE VII Elections

Section 1. Filing: Filing for office for elected positions shall occur as follows:

- a. Candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and NEA Director shall file for office by submitting a ~~signed~~ filing form to the ~~Executive Director of Education Minnesota~~ Education Minnesota Elections Committee no sooner than June 1 and no later than the second Friday in December of the year preceding the election.
- b. Candidates for other Governing Board positions shall file for office by submitting a ~~signed~~ filing form to the ~~Executive Director of Education Minnesota~~ Education Minnesota Elections Committee no sooner than the first Monday in November and no later than the second Friday in December of the year preceding the election.

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Maker's Rationale:

The Education Minnesota Elections Committee supports these changes to the Bylaws to streamline the process for members to submit filing forms. Signed filing forms are not required under the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA), also known as the Landrum-Griffin Act. Currently, most filing form submissions occur via email. This means people must print off the filing form, complete it, scan it and then email it. By eliminating this requirement, it would give Education Minnesota members more flexibility for how filing forms may be submitted. It especially would enable the creation and use of an online submission form that has the potential to be more efficient both for candidates and for the Elections Committee. In addition, by having filing forms go directly to the Elections Committee, who ultimately receive filing forms anyway, the committee may track and respond to filing forms in a more efficient manner, and it overall simplifies the process for the members of the Elections Committee.

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Impact Statement by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee:

Relevant Statements of Principle:

- Commitment to the Members
- Commitment to the Organization

Passage of this proposal would:

Representation: create no impact on representation.

Financial: create no additional financial impact.

Organizational: simplify the filing process for candidates and streamline the work of the Elections Committee.

Compliance: have no impact on compliance.