

Bylaws Amendment

NACWA's Board of Directors is recommending membership approval of an amendment to the Association's *Bylaws*. The amendment revises two sections of *Article IV, Board of Directors*. The proposed amendment to *Section 3. Election of Article IV* eliminates the requirement for an officer to run for re-election for the term during which they are serving as an officer, thus ensuring continuity of leadership for the Association.

Article IV, Section 5. Tenure would be amended to increase Board tenure to four consecutive full three year terms. This amendment is intended to ensure that interested Board Members have the opportunity to serve as officers of the Association within their tenure on the Board. NACWA *Bylaws* require that no more than one officer may be elected from any one region. For this reason, when an officer ascends through the offices, it can be four years before another Board Member from their region would be eligible to pursue nomination as an officer.

The current *Bylaws* provisions and their proposed amendments are presented below. The membership will vote on this matter during the *Annual Association Business Meeting* at 11:30 am on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. If you are unable to attend the *Annual Association Business Meeting*, please forward the proxy provided under Attachment A. A complete copy of NACWA's *Bylaws* can be found at the following link: www.nacwa.org/bylaws.

Current Bylaws:

Article IV

Board of Directors

3. *Election:* The directors of the association shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the membership at a meeting with this purpose included on the agenda mailed to the members at least fifteen days prior to the meeting, and shall assume their duties at the meeting of the Board to follow. They shall remain in office until their successors assume their duties.
5. *Tenure:* Directors shall not serve more than three consecutive full three year terms.

Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws (shown in ***bold/italic***):

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5. *Tenure:* Directors shall not serve more than ~~three~~ ***four*** consecutive full three year terms.