

MOTION 6 to approve Article 12.1 as written

Original:

AMENDMENTS

12.1 Substantive Changes. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, supplemented, or repealed after any such changes, approved by the Board of Directors, are submitted to each of the Districts' annual business meetings, and are approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Districts. Any changes so approved shall be resubmitted to the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors then approves the changes by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the number of Directors then in office (excluding the President), the changes shall thereupon become effective.

Proposed Change:

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12.1 Substantive Changes. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, supplemented, or repealed after any such changes, proposed by the Board of Directors, are shared and presented virtually or in person with the membership at least 90 days in advance of any vote of the Districts' membership to allow for feedback and comments prior to a vote of the eligible professional membership by district. After the membership has had at least 90 days to review the Bylaws revisions, each of NATA's Districts shall vote on whether to approve the proposed revisions in accordance with each applicable District's bylaws and other applicable rules for voting. Any changes approved by at least two thirds (2/3) of the total number of Districts shall be resubmitted to the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors then approves the changes by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the number of Directors then in office (excluding the President), the changes shall thereupon become effective.

Explanation: This would require any substantive changes to the NATA Bylaws to be shared with all members and then also presented to members either virtually or in person. It also now requires that any changes be shared with the membership at least 90 prior to a membership vote on the changes.

Rationale:

Not all members are able to attend district conferences in person, so this makes it easier for all members to attend the presentation and/or view a presentation recording later. It also clarifies that the vote would not occur in person including only those in attendance at the presentation, as the vote would be 90 days after the changes were shared with the membership. This would allow all members to vote on proposed bylaws changes rather than only those in attendance at the district conference.