

MOTION 8 to approve Article 8.2 as written

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Proposed Change:

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- (b) **Election.** Elections shall be conducted in an orderly, efficient, equitable and secure manner. A ballot shall be sent to each Professional Member and Professional-Retired Member. An election shall not be held if there is only one candidate. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall take office as NATA's President at the next Annual Members' Meeting.
- (c) **Term of Office, Re-election.** The term of office of the President shall be three (3) years. With the exception of a Vice President who advances to fill a partial term as President, the President may not serve more than one (1) term.

Explanation:

This expands the pool of individuals who are eligible to run for the position of NATA President. It now includes all current and past District Directors (rather than only immediate past District Directors). It also now includes all current NATA Committee or Council Chairs and those Chairs who served under the current NATA president and the immediate past NATA President. All candidates for President also have to meet the eligibility requirements designated in the Presidential Election Policies and Procedures. This allows certified-retired members to be eligible to run for president if they meet all other requirements.