

**Proposed Bylaw Changes for the October 21, 2017 WNA Annual Meeting
Proposed by the WNA Bylaws Committee
Submitted to the WNA Membership**

Current WNA Bylaws	Proposed	Rationale
<p><u>ARTICLE X - STANDING COMMITTEES of the Board</u></p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> Definition – WNA’s Standing Committees perform the work on an on-going basis that is assigned by the Board of Directors or the membership.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> Composition</p> <p>A. The standing committees of the board shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bylaws 2. Continuing Education Approval Program Committee (CEAP) 3. Continuing Nursing Education Provider (CNEP) 4. Reference 5. Finance <p>B. Member Selection for Committees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board of Directors shall appoint members of the Bylaws, Finance and Reference Committees. 2. The Board of Directors will ratify members of CEAP and CNEP. <p>C. Each committee shall consist of a least three members.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE X - STANDING COMMITTEES of the Board</u></p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> Definition – WNA’s Standing Committees perform the work on an on-going basis that is assigned by the Board of Directors or the membership.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> Composition</p> <p>A. The standing committees of the board shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bylaws 2. Continuing Education Approval Program Committee (CEAP) 3. Continuing Nursing Education Provider (CNEP) 4. Reference Professional Policy 5. Finance <p>B. Member Selection for Committees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board of Directors shall appoint members of the Bylaws, Finance and Reference Professional Policy Committees. 2. The Board of Directors will ratify members of CEAP and CNEP. <p>C. Each committee shall consist of a least</p>	<p>The WNA Bylaws Committee supports the ANA name change from Reference to Professional Policy.</p> <p>The WNA Bylaws believes that renaming the Reference Committee to Professional Policy Committee provides a more accurate title in regards to the committee’s work and responsibility.</p>

<p><u>Section 3.</u> Term of Office, Vacancy, Removal</p> <p>A. Terms for all committees shall be two years.</p> <p>B. Vacancies shall be filled by the WNA Board.</p> <p>C. Absence from 2 consecutive meetings may constitute a vacancy within the committee.</p> <p><u>Section 4.</u> Meetings</p> <p>A. The WNA Vice-President convenes the meetings of the Coordinating Cabinet.</p> <p>B. Meetings can take place in-person or electronically</p> <p>C. Each committee shall meet at least once each year.</p> <p>D. A quorum for the Committees shall be 50% of the total number of members of that committee.</p> <p><u>Section 5.</u> Responsibilities</p> <p>A. Elect a chairperson at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>B. Review the functions of the committee as written in WNA's Policy and Procedures Manual.</p> <p>C. Adhere to allocations identified in the operating budget.</p> <p>D. Report and be accountable to the membership and the Board.</p> <p>E. Collaborate with the WNA Chief</p>	<p>three members.</p> <p><u>Section 3.</u> Term of Office, Vacancy, Removal</p> <p>A. Terms for all committees shall be two years.</p> <p>B. Vacancies shall be filled by the WNA Board.</p> <p>C. Absence from 2 consecutive meetings may constitute a vacancy within the committee.</p> <p><u>Section 4.</u> Meetings</p> <p>A. The WNA Vice-President convenes the meetings of the Coordinating Cabinet.</p> <p>B. Meetings can take place in-person or electronically</p> <p>C. Each committee shall meet at least once each year.</p> <p>D. A quorum for the Committees shall be 50% of the total number of members of that committee.</p> <p><u>Section 5.</u> Responsibilities</p> <p>A. Elect a chairperson at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>B. Review the functions of the committee as written in WNA's Policy and Procedures Manual.</p> <p>C. Adhere to allocations identified in the operating budget.</p> <p>D. Report and be accountable to the membership and the Board.</p>	
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<p><u>ARTICLE XI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</u> <u>Section 1.</u> The WNA Nominating Committee provides nominees for Officers, Board of Directors, Councils and Committees for whom the member can elect. <u>Section 2.</u> The Nominating Committee is composed of six members all of whom have been elected by the members. <u>Section 3.</u> Meetings can take place in-person or electronically. <u>Section.4.</u> Nominations A. In even numbered years the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for Vice President, Secretary, three (3) Directors one of whom is a Staff Nurse, 3 members of each Council, and 3 Nominating Committee Members, B. In odd numbered years the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for President (and ANA Membership Assembly</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE XI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</u> <u>Section 1.</u> The WNA Nominating Committee provides nominees for Officers, Board of Directors, Councils and Committees for whom the member can elect. <u>Section 2.</u> The Nominating Committee is composed of six members all of whom have been elected by the members. <u>Section 3.</u> Meetings can take place in-person or electronically. <u>Section.4.</u> Nominations A. In even numbered years the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for Vice President, Secretary, three (3) Directors one of whom is a Staff Nurse, 3 members of each Council, and 3 Nominating Committee Members, B. In odd numbered years the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for President (and ANA Membership Assembly</p>	

<p>Representative as President), Treasurer, two (2) Directors one of whom is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, three (3) members of each Council, three (3) Nominating Committee Members and another ANA representative to the ANA Membership Assembly for a two-year term. The remaining representative and alternates shall be elected for a 2-year term or until a successor is elected.</p> <p>C. Ballots shall be constructed to provide for write-in candidates.</p> <p>D. The ballot shall indicate that the President is concurrently a candidate for ANA Membership Assembly, to serve a 2-year term concurrent with serving as WNA President.</p> <p><u>Section 5. Elections</u></p> <p>A. Elections shall be held no more than 90 days and not less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the WNA membership, or as addressed in Article IV, Section 3 A.2.</p> <p>B. All voting shall be by secret mail ballot or electronic means. A plurality vote elects. In the case of a tie, lot shall decide the election.</p>	<p>Representative as President), Treasurer, two (2) Directors one of whom is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, three (3) members of each Council, three (3) Nominating Committee Members and WNA representatives and alternates to the ANA Membership Assembly the number of whom will be based on the ANA Membership Assembly Apportionment Policy. Membership Assembly representatives shall be elected for a two year term or until a successor is elected. and another ANA representative to the ANA Membership Assembly for a two-year term.</p> <p>C. Ballots shall be constructed to provide for write-in candidates.</p> <p>D. The ballot shall indicate that the President is concurrently a candidate for ANA Membership Assembly, to serve a 2-year term concurrent with serving as WNA President.</p> <p><u>Section 5. Elections</u></p> <p>A. Elections shall be held no more than 90 days and not less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the WNA membership, or as addressed in Article IV, Section 3 A.2.</p> <p>B. All voting shall be by secret mail ballot</p>	<p>One of the actions that took place at the June 2017 ANA Membership Assembly Business Meeting was changing the size of the Membership Assembly. The change allows state nurses associations to increase the number of representatives that can participate and vote on action items. Currently, each state is allocated a specific number of votes which are weighted based on the apportionment policy that is approved by the ANA Membership Assembly. The number of weighted votes for each state is apportioned which is based on dues revenue. For Wisconsin, the number is eight (8). With the new increase in the size of the number of individual of voting members from each state association that can participate, Wisconsin, will continue to have 8 votes for 2018-19, but the number attending and voting has been increased from two (2) to four (4). Each representative's vote will count as 2 votes WNA's current Bylaws call for two Wisconsin Representatives. The WNA Bylaws Committee is proposing that rather</p>
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