

## **Proposed Bylaws Amendments:**

Under Section 4.4-Election and Term of Office,

The terms of office of the other six (6) Elected Directors, exclusive of the President, President Elect, and Past President, shall be for one **two years**, to take effect and continue as described in Section 9.13(b).

Justification – In implementing a two-year Chapter President term, several issues have come to light including:

1. The need for an interim “Vice President” election has disrupted continuity on the chapter boards.
2. Issues with a Vice President assuming Presidency in absence of a president.
3. Board is committed to better onboarding of President-Elects to include their participation at board meetings during their president-elect year (which was one of the major concerns in pushing for the adoption of the two-year presidential term).

## **Timeline of approval process:**

Fri, August 2, 2019 – First reading of proposed bylaws amendment at first board meeting

Fri, August 30, 2019 – Second reading of the proposed bylaws amendment and needs a 2/3 vote to move to membership

Mon, September 30, 2019 – Send notice to membership of proposed bylaws amendment and Zoom link for online WESTOP Special Meeting of the Members.

Wed, Oct 30, 2019 @ 9am (PST), Thurs, Oct 31 @ 2pm (CST): Online Zoom Special meeting of the members, Membership votes to approve bylaws amendment by 12am midnight of the same day (depending on time zone).

Nov 2019 – If passed, new nominations for incoming President-elects would return to a one-year presidential term and expectations to participate in board meetings during their president-elect year.

2020 – 2021 President-elects begin new terms and expectations.

## **Other changes needed in Bylaws:**

Section 7.4 – President Elect Powers and Duties

(a) To work closely with the President to acquire the skills, competencies, and knowledge of WESTOP objectives, activities, procedures, and services,

1. **In the case of chapter president elects, duties include regular attendance either in person or electronically at regional board meetings,**

### **Justification:**

- To make formal the expected participation of chapter president elects at regional board meetings**
- To ensure adequate time and preparation for chapter president elects to have mastery over their responsibilities as chapter president**

Section 9.10 – Proxies

“Proxy” means a written authorization signed by a Voting Member or the Voting Member’s attorney in-fact giving another person or persons power to vote on behalf of such Voting Member. **An individual serving as a Proxy can only represent one Voting Member.**

Justification:

- Current issues with one individual serving as proxy for multiple Voting Members.**