



By-Law Amendment 1

Proposed By-Law Amendment: Voting For All Candidates

Member Board/Committee Proposing Amendment: Oregon Board of Massage Therapists

Article V. Meetings

Section 4. Voting and Elections.

A. A Member Board is entitled to be represented by a single vote on each issue put to a vote before the Delegate Assembly. Member Boards shall vest the right to vote in their Delegate or Delegate Pro Tempore.

B. There shall be no proxy or absentee voting at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting of the Delegate Assembly.

C. Elections shall be conducted by ballot at the Annual Meeting:

1. The Nominating Committee shall put forth all qualifying Director candidates for voting by the Delegate Assembly. Each candidate is electable to any available Director position.

~~2.~~ 2. Directors and Nominating Committee members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Delegate Assembly.

~~2.~~ 3. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors immediately after the Annual Meeting.

~~3.~~ 4. If a candidate does not receive a majority vote on the first ballot, reballoting shall be limited to the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for that position.

Rationale: Since its formation, the elections the of FSMTB Directors have followed various procedures. They have varied from putting all candidates up for all spots (what this by-law amendment is advocating for to be permanent) to slating certain candidates for certain positions.

This second method of elections has occasionally had certain candidates running unopposed for a position while other positions in the same election had multiple candidates running for it. When there are positions with different term lengths available, this has also restricted some candidates to the shorter length positions.

One of the stated goals in the past was to help increase diversity (gender and geographic) of the Directors. While a laudable goal, there is no authority in the By-Laws to support this selective slotting of candidates. If this is the Assembly's desired goal, then a better solution would be to makes the Director's position be region based rather than the three person Nominating Committee trying to decide that for the entire Delegate Assembly.

The goal is of this By-Law Amendment is to make sure that all qualifying candidates are put up for election by the entire Delegate Assembly to choose for each available position.