

## Proposed Change to the UPMA WI Chapter Bylaws

### Article V: Election of Officers

**Description:** Clarify term of Immediate Past President, Secretary/Treasurer. Associate eligibility.

**Rationale:** Clarification of terms. Add Associates eligibility for certain officer positions.

**Submitted By:** Melissa Tarlton, WI Chapter President

To amend Bylaws Article V Election of Officers to:

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p><b>Article V</b> The officers of this chapter shall be a President, Executive Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, the immediate past President (who shall serve a term of one year beginning on January 1st of the year a newly elected president assumes office), the President of the Postmasters Retired, Editor, Parliamentarian, Scholarship Chair, Convention Chair, who together with the 2 Vice Presidents, shall constitute the Executive Committee, and the governing body of the chapter.</p> <p>The President, Executive Vice-President, shall be elected at the annual convention to serve a term of 2 years. The term of office shall commence on January 1st and will end on December 31st of the following year. The officers shall be limited to 2 terms of office. The secretary/treasurer, and the 2 vice presidents shall be elected at the annual convention in a subsequent year to serve a term of 2 years. The term of office shall commence on January 1st and end on December 31st. The secretary-treasurer may be elected to serve 3 terms of office.</p>	<p><b>Article V</b> The officers of this chapter shall be a President, Executive Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, the Immediate Past President beginning when the newly elected President assumes office, the President of the Postmasters Retired, Editor, Parliamentarian, Scholarship Chair, Convention Chair, who together with the 2 Vice Presidents, shall constitute the Executive Committee, and the governing body of the chapter.</p> <p>The President, Executive Vice-President, shall be elected at the annual convention to serve a term of 2 years. The term of office shall commence on January 1st and will end on December 31st of the following year. The officers (excluding Secretary/Treasurer and Immediate Past President) shall be limited to 2 terms of office. The secretary/treasurer, and the 2 vice presidents shall be elected at the annual convention in a subsequent year to serve a term of 2 years. The term of office shall commence on January 1st and end on December 31st. The secretary-treasurer may be elected to serve 3 terms of office.</p>

The new Executive Committee shall hold an organizational meeting within 30 days of January 1st each year which shall consist of an organization financial audit by the audit committee. The Executive Committee will have sole control for any changes to the dates in conducting the business of the organization, which includes but does not limit it to the audit, should an exigent circumstance occur.

Additional or other nominations may be made from the floor, if seconded and approved, and shall be included with the list of recommendations made by the nominating committee for determining by ballot of those present and qualified to vote in said election. If there shall be more than two nominations for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. With the exception of the positions of President and Executive Vice President, which shall be limited to active EAS members who are members in good standing of the organization, retired Postmasters, retired EAS employees and Postmaster Reliefs shall be permitted to hold office in this chapter provided they are present at the meeting where the vote will be taken and that no other active EAS member seeks the office. Any active member who is an officer of this chapter, who during their term shall resign or be removed for any cause whatsoever, from the position that qualified them for active membership, shall immediately become ineligible to hold office and their office shall be declared vacant. An acceptable choice of ballot may include paper, voice, or an electronic method authorized by the Executive Committee.

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