

Bylaws

Bylaws of the Section on Pediatrics, American Physical Therapy Association

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ARTICLE I. NAME AND RELATIONSHIP TO AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

The name of this organization is the Section on Pediatrics of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), hereinafter ~~known as~~ referred to as the Section, shall be a section of the American Physical Therapy Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The mission of the Section on Pediatrics is to promote the highest quality of life for all children, people with developmental disabilities, and their families. The Section represents and promotes pediatric physical therapy, and provides a collective voice to further the role of pediatric physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in providing services.

The purpose of the Section shall be to provide a means by which Association members having a common interest in Pediatrics may meet, confer, and promote these interests.

ARTICLE III. FUNCTIONS OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Section shall be to:

- A. Further the relationship between those organizations concerned with services for children.
- B. Promote and improve the study of pediatrics.
- C. Provide a mechanism for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to become involved in research on pediatrics.
- D. Encourage the publication of basic and applied research within the area of pediatrics.
- E. Provide a mechanism to be involved in developing and monitoring standards of practice in pediatrics.
- F. Provide, through professional meetings and periodic publications, a communication system for working with children.
- G. Monitor legislation dealing with the delivery of health care related to pediatrics within the community and maintain liaison(s) with appropriate legislative groups.
- H. Represent pediatric physical therapy before government, professional agencies, voluntary groups or organizations, and the public.
- I. Receive donations, gifts, devices and bequests of real and personal property for the use and benefit of this corporation and for any particular purpose that may be designated by the donors.
- J. Exercise any and all other rights, powers, and privileges conferred upon corporations by the terms and provisions of the Indiana Not-for-Profit Corporation Act of 1971, as amended.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Categories and Qualifications of Members

~~The Section membership categories and qualifications for active, affiliate, life, life affiliate, student, student affiliate, retired active, and retired affiliate shall be the same as those of the Association.~~ The Section membership categories and qualifications for Physical Therapist, Retired Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist, Student Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant, and Student Physical Therapist Assistant shall be the same as those of the Association.

Section 2: Rights and Privileges of Members

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The rights and privileges of the Sections members shall be identical to those established in the Association's Bylaws.

Section 3: Application for and Admission to Membership

The payment of Section dues by ~~active, affiliate, student, student affiliate, life, life affiliate, retired active, and retired affiliate~~ members in good standing in the Association shall constitute application for and admission to Section membership.

Section 4: Good Standing

An individual member is in good standing within the meaning of these Bylaws if the member is in good standing in the Association.

Section 5: Disciplinary Action

- A. Any member of the Section who is suspended by the Association shall have ~~their~~ his or her membership privileges suspended in the Section. Any member who is expelled from membership in the Association shall be expelled from Section membership.
- B. Any member of the Section who fails to make timely payment of required Section dues shall be expelled from Section membership.

Section 6: Reinstatement

Any former member of the Section who is in good standing in the Association may be reinstated to membership in the Section by payment of the required Section dues.

ARTICLE V. ~~REGIONS~~ REGIONAL AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Section 1: ~~Regions~~ Regional Groups **(Note: the information struck out in this Section will be transferred to the Policies and Procedures Manual so it will not be lost.)**

A. ~~Formation~~

~~The Section is divided geographically into seven (7) regions:~~

- ~~(1) Region I (Western) — Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington~~
- ~~(2) Region II (North Central) — Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming~~
- ~~(3) Region III (Great Lakes) — Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin~~
- ~~(4) Region IV (Northeastern) — Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Rhode Island, and Vermont~~
- ~~(5) Region V (Southeastern) — Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina~~
- ~~(6) Region VI (Southern) — Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Florida, Puerto Rico~~
- ~~(7) Region VII (Southcentral) — Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas~~

B. ~~Purpose~~

~~Members with a common interest in pediatrics may network to grassroots and address regional issues.~~

C. ~~Structure~~

- ~~(1) A region of the Section consists of all members who shall be assigned to a region having territorial jurisdiction of the area where the member practices, resides, or attends school.~~
- ~~(2) Regions shall operate under Bylaws that shall not be inconsistent with the Section or Association Bylaws, and shall be approved by the Section Executive Committee.~~
- ~~(3) A member may petition the Board of Directors of the Section for a change of region assignment.~~

D. ~~Obligations: Each region shall do the following:~~

- ~~(1) Further the object and the functions of the Section as set forth in the Bylaws in the area of the region's authority and within its territorial jurisdiction.~~
- ~~(2) Perform the duties and assume the responsibilities that Section Bylaws place on regions.~~
- ~~(3) Conduct its affairs in accordance with its Bylaws or Standing Rules.~~
- ~~(4) Maintain complete and accurate financial records.~~
- ~~(5) Submit to the Section Board of Directors annual reports of its activities and such other reports as may be requested by~~

~~the Section Board of Directors.~~

~~E. Dissolution~~

~~The Board of Directors may dissolve a region if the region has failed to satisfy its obligations or to observe the limitations on regions as set forth in the Section Bylaws. The region must be given timely notice of the charges against it and the~~

~~opportunity to be heard in its own defense, and the judgment of the revocation must be supported by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors.~~

~~F. Property and Records~~

~~If the region is dissolved or its existence otherwise terminated, all property and records of whatever nature in the possession of the region shall, after payment of its bona fide debts, be conveyed to the Section. In the case of two (2) or more regions merging, all property and records will be turned over to the continuing region without being returned through the Section.~~

~~G. Limitations~~

~~Regions are subject to the following limitations:~~

- ~~(1) The Bylaws and policies of the Association and the Section;~~
- ~~(2) Regions shall not establish dues;~~
- ~~(3) Policies adopted by the Section's Board of Directors;~~
- ~~(4) No region shall profess or imply that it speaks or represents the Section or members other than those currently holding membership in the region unless authorized to do so in writing by the Section Board of Directors;~~
- ~~(5) Regions shall hold an annual meeting.~~

A. A regional group shall:

- 1. Be specified in the Sections Policies and Procedures.**
- 2. Operate under bylaws or rules of order that shall not be inconsistent with the Section or Association bylaws and that shall be approved by the Section Executive Committee.**
- 3. Not levy special assessments that carry punitive action or loss of good standing. The regional group shall receive approval from the Section Board of Directors prior to any special assessments levied by the regional group.**

B. A regional group of the Section may be established and/or dissolved in accordance with the rules and conditions specified by the Section's Policies and Procedures

Section 2: Special Interest Groups

A. Special Interest Groups shall:

- (1) Operate under Bylaws that shall not be inconsistent with Section or Association Bylaws and shall be approved by the Section Executive Committee.**
- (2) Not levy special assessments that carry punitive action or loss of good standing. A special interest group of the Section may be established and/or dissolved in accordance with the rules and conditions specified by the Section's Policies and Procedures.**

Section 3: Limitations

Regional and special interest groups are subject to the following limitations:

- A. Bylaws and policies of the Association and Section.**
- B. No regional and special interest group shall profess or imply that it speaks for or represents the Section or members other than those currently holding membership in the regional and special interest group unless authorized by the Section's governing body.**

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1:

An annual business meeting of the Section will be held at the time and place of the Combined Sections Meeting of the Association. Attendance is limited to Section members and invited guests approved by the Section officers.

Section 2:

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Professional programs and additional meetings may be held at the time and place of the Annual Conference of the Association and/or at the Combined Sections Meeting as scheduled with the Association.

Section 3: Special Meetings

The President has the authority to call special meetings. The President shall must call a special meeting upon petition in writing of 50% of the membership, and in such events, all members will be notified in writing (or electronically) at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.

Section 4: Quorum

At any business meeting, a quorum shall consist of twice the number of members as the Board of Directors.

Section 5:

All meeting minutes shall be submitted to the Association within forty-five (45) days of the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: Officers: Rights, Duties, Responsibilities

A. The officers of the Section shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Treasurer-Elect.

1. The term of office for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be two (2) years or until the election and installation or their successors. The term of the Treasurer-Elect shall be a one (1) year term beginning the second year of the Treasurer's term, and then progressing to a two (2) year term as Treasurer. The President shall be elected on even-numbered years and the Vice President, Treasurer-Elect, and Secretary shall be elected on odd-numbered years. The Treasurer-Elect shall progress to Treasurer in even-numbered years.
2. No member shall serve more than four (4) complete consecutive terms as an officer, and no more than two (2) complete consecutive terms in the same office.
3. Any officer who has served more than one-half (1/2) a term in office shall be considered to have completed a term.

B. Duties

(1) President shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Section, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee;
- b. Prepare agendas for all Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Section business meetings, with the Executive Office;
- c. Serve as the official spokesperson of the Section;
- d. Be an ex-officio member and direct the activities of all standing and special committees, except the Nominating and Elections Committee;
- e. Submit an annual report of Section activities to Association per Association policy;
- f. Appoint committee chairs except the Nominating and Elections Committee.

(2) Vice President shall:

- a. Assist the Section President in the discharge of the duties of that office;
- b. In the absence of the President, assume the duties of the President.

(3) Secretary shall:

- a. Prepare Rules of the House and keep minutes of the proceedings of all Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Section business meetings;
- b. Prepare and distribute Section Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Business meeting minutes, Combined Sections Meeting program summaries to the Section Board of Directors and the Association within forty-five (45) days following the meeting, and election results to Section Board of Directors and the Association within forty-five (45) days following a meeting or election and to members in a timely manner;
- c. Notify members of special meetings at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting dates;

- d. Maintain records of official actions of the Section, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee.
- (4) Treasurer shall:
 - a. Report in writing the financial status of the Section at all business meetings;
 - b. Maintain complete and accurate financial records, which shall be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant;
 - c. Submit a proposed budget at the annual business meeting (Combined Sections Meeting) for approval;
 - d. Orient the Treasurer-Elect in the duties of the office.

Section 2: Vacancies

- (1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall succeed to the presidency for the unexpired portion of the term.
- (2) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to serve the unexpired portion of the term.
- (3) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to serve the unexpired portion of the term.
- (4) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to serve the unexpired portion of the term.
- (5) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer-Elect, the position shall remain vacant until the next election by the membership occurs. If the next election cannot take place until after the Treasurer-Elect was to assume the office of Treasurer, then the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to serve until the next election can take place to fulfill the unexpired portion of the term.
- (6) In the event of a vacancy in any region, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member of the region to serve as Regional Director for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 3: Qualifications

Only such members of the Section as are provided for in the Association Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2, Sub-paragraph B. (3).b, who have been members in good standing for a period of at least one (1) year immediately preceding their election and who have consented to serve, shall be eligible for election to office. ~~Affiliate and life affiliate members~~ **Physical Therapist Assistants, Retired Physical Therapist Assistants, and Life Physical Therapist Assistants** may hold office subject to the limitations specified in the Association Bylaws, Article V, Section 4, Sub-paragraph C.

Section 4: Board of Directors

A: Composition

1. The officers of the Section, an elected representative from each region (known as Regional Directors), and Treasurer-Elect shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Treasurer-Elect shall be a non-voting member of the Board.
2. Regional Directors shall:
 - a. Administer all business of their region;
 - b. Be responsible to the Section President and the membership of their region;
 - c. Represent their region on the Board of Directors.
3. Members of the Board of Directors shall assume office at the close of the Section's business meeting. The term of office of each member of the Board of Directors shall be two (2) years or until the election and installation of their successors. No member shall serve more than four (4) complete consecutive terms on the Board of Directors or more than two (2) complete consecutive terms in the same office. A complete term for a member of the Board of Directors shall be defined as two (2) years. Any officer who has served more than one-half (1/2) a term in office shall be considered to have completed a full term

B. Responsibility

The Board of Directors shall:

1. Keep within the objects and functions of the Section
2. Direct all business affairs for and on behalf of the Section
3. Foster the growth and development of the Section
4. Create standing committees

C. Meetings

1. Regular Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually.
2. Special Meetings: The President may call a special meeting of the Board of Directors and must call a special meeting on written request of nine (9) members of the Board of Directors.
3. Notice Requirements: Written **or electronic** notice of all meetings shall be **mailed sent** to all members of the Board of Directors not later than ten (10) days before the date fixed for the meeting. When a decision is needed between meetings of the Board of Directors, voting may be conducted by mail, phone, or fax.
4. Quorum: Six (6) members, with no fewer than three (3) of these members being Executive Committee members, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5: Executive Committee

A. Composition: The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

B. Duties and Responsibilities: The Executive Committee shall:

1. Keep within the objects and functions of the Section
2. Plan the affairs of the Section
3. Review the President's proposed appointments of Committee Chairs
4. Review and approve Bylaw editorial changes required as a result of Association Bylaw mandates

C. Meetings:

1. Regular Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet not less than semi-annually.
2. Special Meetings: The President may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee and must call a special meeting on request of two (2) members of the committee.
3. Notice Requirements: Notice of all meetings shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee not later than five (5) days before the fixed date for the meeting. **When a decision is needed between meetings of the Executive Committee, voting may be conducted by mail, phone, or fax.**
4. Quorum: Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES/COUNCILS

Section 1: Appointed Committees

Besides such other committees as shall be created by the Board of Directors:

Finance Committee

- ~~(1) The Finance Committee shall consist of the current Section Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, immediate past Treasurer, and two (2) members appointed by the Board of Directors;~~
- ~~(2) The Section Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee.~~
- ~~(3) The immediate past Treasurer is not eligible for reelection as Treasurer-Elect for a period of two (2) years.~~
- ~~(4) The immediate past President may not serve as Section President appointee to the Finance Committee for at least two (2) years following the end of the elected term.~~
- ~~(5) The Finance Committee shall advise the Board of Directors on matters pertaining to the Section's financial needs, growth, and stability based on periodic review of income, expenditure, and investments; specific responsibilities are defined in the Section's policies and procedures manual.~~

Section 1: Finance Committee

A. Composition:

1. The Finance Committee shall consist of the current Section Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, immediate past Treasurer, and two (2) members appointed by the Board of Directors.
2. The Section Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee
3. The immediate past Treasurer is not eligible for reelection as Treasurer-Elect for a period of two (2) years. **¶**
immediate past President may not serve as Section President appointee to the Finance Committee for at least two (2) years following the end of the elected term.

B. Duties: The Finance Committee shall advise the Board of Directors on matters pertaining to the Section's financial needs,

growth, and stability based on periodic review of income, expenditure, and investments; specific responsibilities are defined in the Section's policies and procedures manual

~~Section 2: Elected Committees~~

~~Nominating and Elections Committee~~

- ~~(1) The Nominating and Elections Committee is a committee of the membership.~~
- ~~(2) The Nominating and Elections Committee shall consist of three (3) active or life members. No region may have more than one (1) member.~~
- ~~(3) Members shall serve for a three (3) year term.~~
- ~~(4) One (1) member shall be elected each year by mail or electronic ballot prior to the annual business meeting (Combined Sections Meeting).~~
- ~~(5) Should a member resign or fail to fulfill the duties, as determined by the Board of Directors, that position and term will be filled by special election at the earliest possible time.~~
- ~~(6) Duties~~
 - ~~a. The senior member of the Nominating and Elections Committee shall serve as chair.~~
 - ~~b. For election of officers and members of the Nominating and Elections Committee, the said committee shall prepare a slate of two (2) or more names, when possible, for each vacancy to be filled and submit this slate to the Secretary for membership distribution.~~
 - ~~c. For election of Regional Directors, the regional membership shall submit names to the Nominating and Elections Committee.~~
 - ~~d. The Nominating and Elections Committee will conduct elections by mail or electronic ballot and will report the results at the annual business meeting (Combined Sections Meeting).~~

Section 2: Nominating and Elections Committee

A. Composition:

1. The Nominating and Elections Committee shall consist of three (3) active or life members. No region may have more than one (1) member.
2. Members shall serve for a **single three- (3)-year term or until the election of his successor.**
3. One (1) member shall be elected each year by mail or electronic ballot prior to the annual business meeting (Combined Sections Meeting). **The elected member assumes office at the close of the Section's business meeting.**
4. Should a member resign or fail to fulfill the duties, as determined by the Board of Directors, that position **shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next regular election at which time the vacant position shall be filled for the remainder of the term.**

B. Duties

1. The senior member of the Nominating and Elections Committee shall serve as chair.
2. For election of officers and members of the Nominating and Elections Committee, the committee shall prepare a slate of two (2) or more names, when possible, for each vacancy to be filled and submit this slate to the Secretary for membership distribution. **Prior to slating a candidate, the committee will review their qualifications and ascertain their willingness to serve.**
3. For election of Regional Directors, the regional membership shall submit names to the Nominating and Elections Committee.
4. The Nominating and Elections Committee will conduct elections by mail or electronic ballot and will report the results at the annual business meeting (Combined Sections Meeting).

Section 3: Appointed Committees

- A. **Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President , with the approval of the Executive Committee as the Board of Directors deems necessary to carry on the work of the Section.**

Section 4: Councils

The Board of Directors may establish a council as prescribed in the Association Standing Rules.

ARTICLE IX. DELEGATES

Section 1: ~~Qualifications, Rights, and Rules~~

- A. ~~The qualifications, rights, and rules for Section delegates are prescribed by the Association Bylaws and Policies. of the delegate shall be as stated as in the Association's bylaws.~~
- B. ~~A Section Delegate may not, in the same year, serve as Delegate for any other component.~~
- C. ~~The Section shall notify Association headquarters of the name of the Section Delegate, as required by the Association and the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates.~~
- D. ~~The Section must be represented in the House of Delegates at least every third year.~~

Section 2: ~~Method and Time of Selection~~ Election and Term

The Board of Directors shall appoint the Section Delegate and an Alternate Delegate at Annual Conference for the following year.

Section 3: Notification

~~The Section shall notify the Association of the name of the Section Delegate, as required by the Association and the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates.~~

Section 3: Duties of Delegates

- A. ~~To attend the annual and special meetings of the House of Delegates of the Association.~~
- B. ~~To present to the House of Delegates such matters as are approved by the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and/or the voting body.~~

ARTICLE X. ELECTIONS

- A. ~~Officers, the Board of Directors, and members of the Nominating and Elections Committee shall be elected.~~
- ~~1. Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* using the preferential method of voting.~~
 - ~~2. Voting for officers shall be by mail or electronic ballot. When two (2) candidates seek office, the candidate with the majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. When there are three (3) or more candidates for an office, elections shall be determined by preferential voting.~~
 - ~~3. Results of the elections shall be reported to the membership at the business meeting (Combined Sections Meeting), electronically, and in Section publications.~~
 - ~~4. Results of the elections shall be forwarded to Association headquarters within forty-five (45) days following their approval.~~
 - ~~5. Half of the Directors from the regions will be elected in even numbered years, half in odd numbered years.~~

ARTICLE XI. FINANCE

Section 1: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Section shall be the same as that of the Association, **January 1 through December 31.**

Section 2: Limitation on Expenditures

No officer, employee, or committee shall expend any money not provided in the budget as adopted or spend any money in excess of the budget allotment except by order of the **Section's** Board of Directors. The Board shall not commit the ~~association~~ **Section** to any financial obligation in excess of its current financial resources.

Section 3: Dues

- A. The annual dues for each membership category shall be:
- ~~(1) Active~~ **Physical Therapist: \$55; Active Student Physical Therapist: \$35**

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- (2) Life ~~Physical Therapist~~ : \$20
- (3) ~~Affiliate~~ ~~Physical Therapist Assistant~~: \$35
- (4) Life ~~affiliate~~ ~~Physical Therapist Assistant~~: \$20
- (5) Student ~~affiliate~~ ~~Physical Therapist Assistant~~: \$20
- (6) Retired ~~active~~ ~~Physical Therapist~~: \$35
- (7) Retired ~~affiliate~~ ~~Physical Therapist Assistant~~: \$25
- (8) ~~Physical Therapist – Post-Professional Student~~ \$XX

~~B. Dues Assessment/Payment~~

- ~~(1) Student and student affiliate member dues are for twelve (12) months from the time of renewal or join date. As of the last day of the graduation month, the student or student affiliate member automatically converts to the active or affiliate member category for the remainder of the twelve (12) months of membership. Once the membership remainder expires, these new active and affiliate members are eligible for one (1) year of membership at 50% of the Association and chapter dues rate for an active or affiliate member.~~
- ~~(2) Section membership dues and renewal are for twelve (12) months of service and will coincide with the member's Association expiration date.~~

~~B. All dues shall be for the period specified in the Association bylaws, and shall be payable following the Association's schedule.~~

~~C. All dues changes approved by the Section membership and the Association's Board of Directors before August 1 the Association's deadline will become effective on the first of the Section's Association's next fiscal year.~~

Section 4:

The Section shall submit its annual financial statements, tax returns, and audit report to the Association when and as directed by Association headquarters.

~~**ARTICLE XI. OFFICIAL PUBLICATION**~~

~~*Pediatric Physical Therapy* shall be the official journal of the Section, and the *Section on Pediatrics Newsletter* shall be the official newsletter of the Section.~~

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

The Section may be dissolved subject to conditions outlined in Association Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Section, in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with Association Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt. **adopted by the Section.**

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at the annual business meeting (Combined Sections Meeting) by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present and voting providing the following:

- A. Copies of all proposed amendments have been printed in the Section's publication, posted electronically, or mailed to all section members at least sixty (60) days prior to the business meeting.
- B. ~~When Association Bylaws require amendments of Section Bylaws,~~ **If the intent of an amendment is editorial or to bring the Section's bylaws into agreement with those of the Association, the amendment shall be made as required by** the Section's Bylaws Committee shall prepare the necessary amendments and submitted them to the Executive Committee of the Section for approval. ~~The amended Bylaws will be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Association for automatic approval and will not require vote of the Section membership. All proposed amendments, upon Section approval, shall be presented for review to the Association Board of Directors for approval.~~ **The Bylaws Committee shall**

notify the Section's membership that such amendments have been made. Amendments to the Section's bylaws become effective upon approval in writing by the Association's Board of Directors. (Exception: changes in Section dues become effective on the first day of the Association's next fiscal year following approval.)

ARTICLE XIII. ASSOCIATION AS HIGHER AUTHORITY

In addition to these Section Bylaws, the Section is governed by the Association's Bylaws and Standing Rules, and by the Association's House of Delegates and Board of Directors policies.

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