

# PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

## A Series of Proposed Amendments to Article IV of the Technology Student Association Bylaws

### **Amendment 1**

*To amend Section 4 – “Nominations”*

Strike the word “each” from the second sentence.

*Current wording:*

“This committee shall review all national officer candidates and their qualifications and will submit to the voting delegates a slate of all candidates declared eligible for each national office.”

*If adopted, wording would be:*

“This committee shall review all national officer candidates and their qualifications and will submit to the voting delegates a slate of all candidates declared eligible for national office.”

### **Amendment 2**

*To amend Section 5 – “Elections”*

Strike the entire section and insert the following:

“National TSA Officers will be selected by two separate elections. On their application, candidates will indicate whether they will run for only the office of National TSA President or in the universal pool. Those candidates entering to the universal pool will rank the five offices from most to least preferred.

The first election will be held to select the National TSA President. Each voting delegate will have one vote to cast. The National TSA President shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual business meeting. If there are more than two candidates for the office of president and a majority is not reached on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot will be dropped until a majority is reached. In the event of a tie between the first and second place candidates, the office of president will be determined by run-off election between the two.

A separate election will be held to select the national TSA Officers for the offices of vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and sergeant-at-arms from the universal pool of candidates. Election of these officers shall be decided by ballot vote at the annual business meeting. Delegates will vote for their five favorite candidates in order of preference. A delegate's favorite candidate will receive five votes from said delegate. The second favorite candidate will receive four votes, the third favorite three votes, the fourth favorite two votes, and the fifth favorite one vote. The five candidates with the highest number of votes will be named incoming National TSA Officers. Candidates will, in order of their vote totals, be placed in their most preferred available office as indicated on their application. A tie between the fifth and sixth place candidates will be determined by run-off election and all other ties in the universal pool will be decided by lot."

*Current wording:*

"National officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting delegates at the annual business meeting."

"Election of officers shall be by ballot vote."

"If there are more than two candidates for an office and a majority is not reached on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot will be dropped until a majority is reached."

*If adopted, wording would be:*

"National TSA Officers will be selected by two separate elections. On their application, candidates will indicate whether they will run for only the office of National TSA President or in the universal pool. Those candidates entering the universal pool will rank the five offices from most to least preferred.

The first election will be held to select the National TSA President. Each voting delegate will have one vote to cast. The National TSA President shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual business meeting. If there are more than two candidates for the office of president and a majority is not reached on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot will be dropped until a majority is reached. In the event of a tie between the first and second place candidates, the office of president will be determined by run-off election between the two.

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### **Amendment 3**

*To amend Section 9*

Strike the entire section and insert the following:

"If no person is elected president at the annual business meeting, the office will be declared vacant and filled by the vice president."

*Current wording:*

"If no one applies for a particular office by the official deadline date for national officer candidate application, then there shall be a special election called after the general election takes place at the annual business meeting."

*If adopted, wording would be:*

"If no person is elected president at the annual business meeting, the office will be declared vacant and filled by the vice president."

### **Amendment 4**

*To amend Section 10*

Strike the entire section

*Current wording:*

"Those National Officer Candidates not elected to a National Office at the annual business meeting shall be the only members to be able to participate in the special election, however are not required to."

The special election shall be conducted after the winners of the general election have been announced. The participants of the special election may not campaign prior to the special election.

The special election shall not have any runoffs. The winner of the special election shall be the person with a plurality of the vote and will be announced immediately following the tabulation of the votes.”

*If adopted the section would be deleted.*

Respectfully submitted by Missouri TSA.

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Will Benhardt, President  
Missouri TSA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Schlimpert". To the right of the signature is the date "3/13/17". The signature and date are positioned above a solid black horizontal line.

Tom Schlimpert, State Advisor  
Missouri TSA