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1	<b><u>ARTICLE III:</u></b> <b><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u></b>	<b><u>ARTICLE III:</u></b> <b><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u></b>		
	<b>Section 2: Board makeup:</b> <b>a. Elected positions (7) and terms:</b>	<b>Section 2: Board makeup:</b> <b>a. Elected positions (7) and terms:</b>	These changes have already been elected by the membership.	None.
	<u>President:</u> 2-year term <u>President-Elect:</u> 1-year term <u>Past President:</u> 1-year term <u>Vice-President for Finance:</u> 2-year term <u>Vice-President for Operations:</u> 2-year term <u>Member Liaison (2):</u> 2-year term	<u>President:</u> 2-year term <u>President-Elect:</u> 1-year term <u>Past President:</u> 1-year term <u>Vice-President for Finance:</u> 3-year term <u>Vice-President for Operations:</u> 3-year term <u>Member Liaison (2):</u> 2-year term  - Including one ML from the US or Canada - And one ML from outside the US or Canada representing the international community  If an international ML does not come forward for election, any regular member may self-nominate after the deadline for nominations. The international ML position will then be elected the following year.		



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	<b>c. Appointed Directors</b>	<b>c. Appointed Directors</b>		
	The other nine Directors shall chair the Standing Committees: Conference, Educational Content, Educational Resources, Grants & Research, International, Membership, Publications, Standards of Practice, and Website & Social Media. Committee Chairs may be recommended by the current committee Chair, by the committee itself, or by the President. Chairs are appointed by the President with the approval of the Board.	The other nine Directors shall chair the Standing Committees: Conference, Curriculum Development and Advancement, Online Learning Resources, Grants & Research, International, Membership, Publications, Standards of Practice, and Website & Social Media.	The Board of Directors have approved a name change for the educational content committee and educational resources committee to Curriculum Development and Advancement (EC) and Online Learning Resources (ER), respectively. The Board felt these were better descriptors of what the committees actually do.	Longer verbiage. Name changes may be confusing to the membership for a time.

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	<b>c. Continued</b> ☐	<b>c. Continued</b> ☐	This is descriptive of what actually happens at the level of the Vice Chair, and makes the wording clearer in the bylaws.	This is a more formal process.
	<b>Committee Chairs</b> may be recommended by the current committee Chair, by the committee itself, or by the President. <b>Chairs</b> are appointed by the President with the approval of the Board.	<b>Incoming Board Chairs</b> may be recommended by the current committee Chair, by the committee itself, or by the President. <b>Chairs and Vice Chairs</b> are appointed by the President with the approval of the Board.		



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	<b>Section 3: Election cycles, terms, and extended terms:</b>	<b>Section 3: Election cycles, terms, and extended terms:</b>	This language change is needed since the terms are now different lengths. The previous Bylaw was also inaccurate as the President-Elect and Past-President terms were only one year in length.	None. This has already been approved by the membership.
	b. Terms: The term of office for all elected officers shall begin on January 1 and end December 31 <b>of the second year.</b>	b. Terms: The term of office for all elected officers shall begin on January 1 and ends December 31.  <b>i. The term for the Presidential cycle (President-Elect, President, Past-President) is 4 years and ends on December 31 of the 4th year.</b> <b>ii. The term for both Vice Presidents is 3 years and ends on December 31 of the 3rd year.</b> <b>iii. The terms for both MLs is 2 years and ends on December 31 of the 2nd year.</b>		

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	<b>Section 5: Eligibility to run for a Board position</b>	<b>Section 5: Eligibility to run for a Board position</b>	As stated in previous bylaw Article II: on affiliate membership.	None. This clarifies the bylaw and removes a potential conflict.
	Any member in good standing may run for an office.	Any <b>regular</b> member in good standing may run for an office.		
	<b><u>ARTICLE IV:</u></b> <b><u>ELECTION PROCEDURES</u></b>	<b><u>ARTICLE IV:</u></b> <b><u>ELECTION PROCEDURES</u></b>	Affiliate Membership: Affiliate membership is limited to individuals who pay applicable dues and are interested in the purpose statement in Article 1 but do not qualify for regular membership. Affiliate members have no vote and are ineligible to serve as Directors or	
	<b>Section 2: Nominees:</b>	<b>Section 2: Nominees:</b>		
	Members in good standing may nominate themselves or others by contacting the Vice-President for Operations by the date specified in the notice.	<b>Regular</b> Members in good standing may nominate themselves...		

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6	<b><u>ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES</u></b>	<b><u>ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES</u></b>		
	<b>Section 1: Standing Committees:</b>	<b>Section 1: Standing Committees:</b>		Same as above
	<u>Conference</u> <u>Educational Content</u> <u>Educational Resources</u> <u>Executive Committee</u> <u>Grants &amp; Research</u> <u>International</u> <u>Membership</u> <u>Publications</u> <u>Standards of Practice</u> <u>Website &amp; Social Media.</u>	<u>Conference</u> <u>Educational Content</u> <i>(Proposed name: Curriculum Development and Advancement)</i> <u>Educational Resources</u> <i>(Proposed name: Online Learning Resources)</i> <u>Executive Committee</u> <u>Grants &amp; Research</u> <u>International</u> <u>Membership</u> <u>Publications</u> <u>Standards of Practice</u> <u>Website &amp; Social Media.</u>	The new committee names as proposed above and approved by the Board. It is now before the membership for a vote.	

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7	<b>Section 3:</b> <b>Standing Committee Structure:</b>	<b>Section 3:</b> <b>Standing Committee Structure:</b>	This language change is needed to make it consistent with how standing committee chairs are appointed in Article III, section c: Appointed Directors.	None. The changes make the Bylaw language consistent.
	a. The Chairs of the standing committees shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the <b>Executive Committee</b> . Chairs of the standing committees shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.	a. The Chairs of the standing committees shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the <b>Board of Directors</b> . Chairs of the standing committees shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.		

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8	Adopted by the Board of Directors, June 28, 2001 Revised August, 2003 Revised June, 2004 Revised October, 2007 Revised October, 2008 Revised January, 2012 Revised October, 2013 Revised November 2015	Adopted by the Board of Directors, June 28, 2001 Revised August, 2003 Revised June, 2004 Revised October, 2007 Revised October, 2008 Revised January, 2012 Revised October, 2013 Revised November 2015 <b>Revised October, 2019, TMT</b>	Shows where these revisions would potentially be approved by the membership with the official vote in October.	None.

