

The bylaws committee has reviewed the current MCMGA bylaws and is proposing the following revisions. The proposed revisions are highlighted.

ARTICLE VIII Amendments states the procedure for amending these bylaw revisions is:

1. Members shall receive two notices of the proposed bylaw revisions prior to a vote at a general meeting.
2. A majority vote of those members present at the general meeting shall be required to approve the revisions.

One of the notices you receive will be via email and the other will be via Roots and Shoots. We will vote to approve the revisions at our general meeting in September.

CURRENT Wording:

ARTICLE IV Officers

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Treasurer
Meeting Director
Records Director
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January 2017, with election for two-year terms and in odd-numbered years thereafter:

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Section 6 Treasurer

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CURRENT Wording:

Section 7 Meeting Director

The Meeting Director shall chair the Meeting Committee to plan general meeting logistics, locations and refreshments for the year.

PROPOSED Revisions:

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The Meeting Director shall chair the Meeting Committee to plan general meeting logistics, locations, and refreshments for the general meetings. Logistics for the meetings shall include tables, chairs, IT equipment, and other requirements to ensure a successful meeting. The Meeting Director shall work closely with the membership to ensure adequate refreshments are available for each of the scheduled general meetings. The Meeting Director shall work closely with the Education Director and the Extension Educator to ensure the Program Presenters logistics requirements have been identified for a successful program (i.e. IT equipment, Easel Pads, etc.), and meeting locations have been secured and reserved.