NATIONAL EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL TO AMEND BY-LAWS

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|  | $5-$ <br> Directors | 5.03 - Elections <br> and Terms | Landon James |


| Current By-Law Language | Proposed Changes |
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| a) In every second year the Members shall elect one individual to serve a term of two years, the first year of which they shall serve as a Director and the Vice-President and the second year of which they shall serve as Director and President; | a) In every year the Members shall elect one individual to serve a term of two years, the first year of which they shall serve as a Director and the VicePresident and the second year of which they shall serve as Director and President; |
| d) All Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years as provided above or as determined by the Board or Members; <br> e) To ensure continuity on the Board, the offices of Vice President and Secretary shall be elected in alternating years | d) All Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years as provided above or as determined by a meeting of the Members; <br> e) Delete (office of Vice President requires election every year so this is not possible). |

Rationale

As written, the election of Vice-President every two years would allow every second year to have nobody to succeed to the role of President.

As written, the Board of Directors could extend their terms indefinitely through a simple vote among themselves. Although there may be extenuating circumstances whereby this may be required, this should involve a meeting of the membership.

Benefits

Increased transparency and accountability.

Please provide feedback to the proposed By-Laws by Friday, May 5, 2017
Submissions to secretary@nena.ca

