

NATIONAL EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION

PROPOSAL TO AMEND BY-LAWS

Proposal #	Section	Sub-Category and	Proposed By
	Heading	#	
	and #		
	5 —	5.04 –	Landon James
	Directors	Nominations of	
		Directors	

Current By-Law Language	Proposed Changes	
The Board shall appoint a Nominations	The Board shall appoint a Nominations	
Committee to develop a Nominations	Committee to develop a Nominations	
Process and propose a slate of	Process and propose a slate of candidates	
candidates to fill Board vacancies	to fill Board vacancies every year. The	
every year. The Corporation shall allow	Corporation shall allow Members who	
Members who cannot attend the	cannot attend the annual meeting of	
annual meeting of members to vote	members to vote for Directors via	
for Directors via absentee ballots in	absentee ballots in advance of the annual	
advance of the annual meeting of	meeting of members.	
members.		
Members may nominate Directors	Vacant positions shall be sent to all	
outside of the Nominations Process.	members electronically no less than 90	
	days before the meeting of members	
	where the election will take place. The	
	call for nominations shall also be posted	
	on the home page of the website.	

Comments and Recommendations

Rationale

"Members may nominate Directors outside of the Nominations process" is an unclear statement. Does this mean that current Directors don't require nomination? Was the intention that this read "candidates" instead? As no matter the terminology, the wording is far too vague to be in bylaws – this basically undermines the entire nominations process if there is another 'vague' process with no structure available.

The fact that there is no mention of nominations periods allows for nonannouncement of elections and potentially corrupt election of Directors.

Benefits

Please provide feedback to the proposed By-Laws by Friday, May 5, 2017

Submissions to secretary@nena.ca