

Proposed bylaw amendments for the National Episcopal Church Women Triennial 2024

Bylaw Amendment Number 1

To amend Article V, Section 1 by striking out the word “First” before Vice President, and the words “Second Vice-President”.

Current:

The officers shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall serve as the Executive Committee of the National Board.

If Amendment Number 1 is adopted, Article V, Section 1 would read:

“The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall serve as the Executive Committee of the National Board.”

Rationale:

This amendment would eliminate the office of Second Vice-President. In the past, the majority of the work of this officer was handling communications and information for the membership. In the last five years the National ECW Board has functioned without a Second Vice-President. The National ECW Board hired a webmaster who now handles the creation of the National ECW website, the creation of the *Communique*, and the organization’s Facebook page.

Note: If this amendment is adopted language throughout the document will be removed or changed as necessary to reflect the elimination of the Second Vice-President position and that there is only a Vice-President as opposed to a First and Second Vice-President.

Bylaw Amendment Number 2

To amend Article IV, Section 3 (term) by substituting the proposed paragraph below for the current language.

Current:

No person may serve more than two consecutive terms in any office. No person shall serve more than three consecutive terms on the National Board.

Proposed amendment to change the bylaw to read:

“No person may serve more than two consecutive terms in any office, with the exception of the Treasurer, who shall serve no more than three terms. No person shall serve more than five terms on the National Board.”

Rationale:

Many organizations find it difficult to find qualified individuals willing to serve as treasurer and thus allow extended service for it.

The amendment would also provide for greater continuity on the board as well as institutional memory necessary for improved service to the members in meeting the objectives of the organization. Many organizations have paid staff which provide these functions. The NECW has none.

Bylaw Amendment Number 3

To amend Article VI, Section 1C by striking out the word “Two” and inserting the word “One,” and by striking the “s” after “Member.”

Current:

Section 1. Composition

- A. The five elected officers.
- B. One representative from each Province elected by the Province.
- C. Two Members at-Large elected by ballot at the Triennial Meeting.
- D. One member from the Executive Council, appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

If Amendment Number 3 is adopted, Article VI, Section 1C would read:

“Section 1. Composition

- A. The five elected officers.
- B. One representative from each Province elected by the Province.
- C. One Member-at-Large elected by ballot at the Triennial Meeting.
- D. One member from the Executive Council, appointed by the Presiding Bishop.”

Rationale: In the past the National ECW Board elected two Members-at-Large. One of these members chaired the Social Justice Committee and the other chaired the Multi-Media Committee. For the past six years the Multi-Media Member-at-Large position was vacant. The National ECW Webmaster has taken over all the duties of this office. Therefore, the position is no longer necessary.

Bylaws Amendment No. 4

To amend Bylaw Article IX by adding a new Section.

If Amendment No. 4 is adopted, Article IX Sec. 5 would read:

“Bylaw Article IX Section 5. Cancellation of The Triennial Meeting

In the event of a national emergency, or state or local emergency in the city in which the Triennial Meeting has been scheduled, the NECW Board may, by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, determine to cancel the Triennial Meeting until such a time and place as they may deem to be practical and safe. Such a determination may be in conjunction with a like decision by The Episcopal Church for its own General Convention.

NECW Officers shall remain in office per the provisions of Article V, Sec. 3 of the NECW Bylaws.

Delegates to the Triennial Meeting and all other NECW members shall be advised by electronic communication as soon as practical after determination of said cancellation by the NECW Board.”

Rationale:

This amendment covers unforeseen circumstances concerning The Triennial Meeting.