

FSMTA Constitution and By-laws Revision Committee
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The By-laws Revision Committee has been researching the following items:

Article V, Section 7d: Retired Membership. Regarding the "receiving the official publication of FSMTA..." the current version has not been changed to what was voted on when the age was changed to 65. It should read: "...they may download it from the website."

Article XVIII, Section 1: Robert's Rules of Order. The most recent by-laws were written before the final vote. At the First General Session at the October Conference, the proposed by-law was amended to read "...the current version of..."

For the future, should any changes in by-laws be written only after the final vote? This was originally done so that the by-laws could be distributed at the conference in a timely fashion, not only for the convenience of those receiving a hard copy but also avoiding a significant postage bill.

Article VIII, Section 4d: Nominating Committee. Due to the two year experiment, the timetable for publishing the names of the nominees was brought into question. Although it was decided to change all time frames as necessary without by-laws changes, the Revision Committee suggests revising the by-law for two reasons: remove the specific date of September from the by-law in regard to publishing the list of nominees (since there is no longer a September, but an Aug./Sept. newsletter) and to allow for the possible move of the Conference to another part of the year. Thus, the By-laws Revision Committee proposes the following:

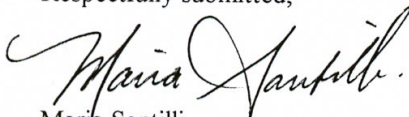
Old: The slate shall be published in the September issue of the official publication of FSMTA.

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Proposed: The slate shall be published in the issue of the official publication of FSMTA that immediately precedes the state conference.

Also investigated recently with President Kilts was whether or not proposed changes in the Budget Committee (Article XIII, Section 1) would involve revisions to the by-laws or to the procedures manual.

Respectfully submitted,



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