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Synopsis of proposed changes to the FAHSAA Bylaws dated 19 September 2018, so you do not have to read the whole thing!

The Board periodically makes updates to the Bylaws as needed. The changes below fall into two areas: small corrections and additions to reflect current practices

1. As our membership ages, it has been harder to find volunteers willing or able to give of their time to help keep our Association going. We have a core group of people who have enjoyed making contributions. These proposed changes will provide flexibility to volunteer service, rather than the current tendency in the Bylaws to limit that service.

Area 1:

1. Article V, Board of Directors, Section 2, Executive Committee. ADD The Immediate Past President position, which was inadvertently omitted from the Executive Committee.
2. Article V, Board of Directors, Section 5: Class Representatives. COMBINE The Class Representative position listed under Article VI, Officers, Section 10. Class Representatives are not Officers but are members of the Board. This change moves the Class Rep references in Article VI to Article V and combines the two.
3. Article IX, Committees, Section 4, Standing Committees. ADD the Compassion Fund Committee, which was formed after the last Bylaws update.
4. Article X, Elections. With the formation of the Election Committee, the responsibility of providing an election count to the Board of Directors and members and maintaining documents falls to that Committee and not to the Webmaster.
5. Article XV, Policies and Procedures. "The Board shall adopt policies and procedures to govern its procedures..." ADD its *committees and other* procedures

Area 2:

1. Article V, Board of Directors, Section 4, Terms. ADD "*Should no one step forward to run for an office and should the Officer whose term is up wish to continue serving, then that Officer may continue for another two-year term.*" The Board will direct the Class Representatives to make every effort to reach out for nominees and volunteers for any Board position. This change is only intended to go into effect if all reasonable efforts have been expended to find volunteers.
2. Article V, Board of Directors, Section 5, Class Representatives. DELETE "~~*Any At Large Member shall be eligible to serve on the Board as a class representative for a maximum of (2) consecutive*~~"

~~terms. At Large Members who have completed two consecutive terms may be reappointed following an absence from Board service of a period equivalent to a current board term of office."~~

REPLACE WITH: "The Class Representative...shall be appointed by the Board. Class Representatives may serve an indeterminate length of time until they wish to step down, or the Board appoints a replacement."

3. Article IX, Committees, Section 1. DELETE ~~"A classmate shall not be in a dual role on any of these standing committees. Certain circumstances may warrant a dual role and will be subject to Board approval."~~