

The following changes to the Region 4 ATPE Bylaws will be presented for consideration at the 2020 Region 4 ATPE Fall Meeting. The Bylaws Committee and the Region 4 Executive Committee endorse these changes.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1: Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of the Region 4 ATPE are: (a) Nomination/Election; and (b) Bylaws. The Standing Committees of the Region 4 ATPE may also include: (c) Resolutions; (d) Education Policy and Curriculum; (e) Legislative; (f) Membership; (g) Services; (h) Public Information; and (i) Minority and Diverse Populations Recruitment.

Section 2: Duties of Standing Committees

The Standing Committee of Region 4 ATPE shall have the following duties and responsibilities.

(c) Resolutions. To review and/or propose resolutions to be considered by ATPE Region 4 Region Assembly.

(d) Educational Policy and Curriculum. To recommend innovative programs in the education field; to be informed and provide information about teacher certification, teacher recruitment, curricula, and other issues of importance to educators.

(e) Legislative. To research, draft, and promote legislation to be considered by Region 4 ATPE; to represent Region 4 ATPE in any activities involving legislation; and to monitor political activities that would affect the membership of Region 4 ATPE, the State Association, or education in Texas.

(f) Membership. To promote the growth of Region 4 ATPE by the development and implementation of recruitment programs and materials.

(g) Services. To design all region-sponsored programs involving services for the membership of Region 4.

(h) Public Information. To recommend to the Region Executive Board methods that would increase public awareness of the association's goals, objectives, and accomplishments.

(i) Minority and Diverse Population Recruitment. To promote the growth of ATPE among urban area educators, ethnic minorities, new teachers and student teachers by the development and implementation of recruitment programs and materials targeting these groups.

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Section 1: Standing Committees

The Standing committees of Region 4 ATPE are:

(a) Nomination/Election; (b) Bylaws. **The Standing Committees of the Region 4 ATPE may also include: (c) Legislative/PAC/Resolutions; (d) Membership; (e) Public Information; (f) Scholarships/Grants; (g) Hospitality; and (h) Service.**

Section 2: Duties of Standing Committees

The Standing Committee of Region 4 ATPE shall have the following duties and responsibilities.

(c) Legislative/PAC/Resolutions. To promote ATPE PAC committee support at region functions and within local units. Also, to research, draft, and promote legislation to be considered by Region 4 ATPE; to represent Region 4 ATPE in any activities involving legislation; and to monitor political activities that would affect the membership of Region 4 ATPE, the State Association or education in Texas. To review the ATPE Legislative Program and Resolutions. The committee can propose changes or resolutions to be endorsed by Region 4 ATPE at the Region 4 ATPE Assembly or Executive Committee to be considered at the next convention.

(d) Membership. To promote the growth of Region 4 ATPE by development and implementation of recruitment programs and materials.

(e) Public Information. To recommend to the Region Executive Committee methods that would increase public awareness of the association's goals, objectives, and accomplishments. To produce an electronic scrapbook that would be accessible from the website.

(f) Scholarships/Grants. To collect applications for the Region 4 ATPE Scholarships and Apple 4 Kids Grants and select winners. Winners will be recognized at the Region 4 Spring Assembly. The committee may propose process changes concerning this committee to the Region 4 ATPE Executive committee.

(g) Hospitality. To facilitate the preparation of the facility for the Region 4 ATPE Fall General Membership and Spring Assembly Meetings. To provide coordinated theme decorations for the tables. Members will serve as greeters for these meetings and assist with door prizes.

(h) Service. To design all sponsored programs involving Service Projects in which the members of Region 4 ATPE may participate.

Rationale: The committee information in the Region 4 ATPE Bylaws does not reflect the committees we currently use. These changes will align us with our current committee descriptions and assignments.

Proposed Amendment #2

ARTICLE III. REGION OFFICERS

Section 2: Tenure/Term

All region officers shall take office on August 1, following his/her election. The President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Member at Large and shall serve a one-year (1) term of office, through July 31, of the following year. The President Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President the following year. The Director shall take office on August 1, following his/her election, and shall serve a two-year (2) term of office, through July 31, at the end of the two-year term. The Director for Region 4 ATPE will be elected on even numbered years.

No officer may hold the same office for more than one year in succession, except for the Director who may serve for four years if elected to a second term. Any person who assumes an office for the remainder of an existing term may be elected to full terms in that office immediately following his/her partial term.

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All region officers shall take office on August 1, following his/her election. The President, President Elect, Secretary and a Member at Large shall serve a one-year (1) term of office, through July 31, of the following year. The Treasurer shall serve a term of two-years (2) and may be elected for an additional two-year year term of office. The President Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President the following year. The Director shall take office on August 1, following his/her election, and shall serve a two-year term. The Director for Region 4 ATPE will be elected on even numbered years.

No officer may hold the same office for more than one year in succession, except for the Treasurer and Director who may serve for four years if elected to a second term. Any person who assumes an office for the remainder of an existing term may be elected to full terms in that office immediately following his/her partial term.

Rationale: The position of treasurer requires time and effort to learn all aspects of accountability to the Region and the State office. A term of 2 years would allow for continuity and time to master this office which requires much responsibility and accountability.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3

ARTICLE III. REGION OFFICERS

Section 7. Duties

(d) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and shall be responsible for all funds. He/she shall perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President. He/she shall keep the officers duly apprised of the financial condition of the regional organization and shall render a written fiscal report at least annually.

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(d) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and shall be responsible for all funds. The Treasurer should have a working knowledge of spreadsheets and be able to provide reports for the Region and State office as required. He/she shall perform all duties incident to the office of treasurer and other such duties as may be assigned by the President. He/she shall keep officers duly apprised of the financial condition of the regional organization monthly and provide reports for the Fall and Spring Region Assemblies. A report to the State shall be completed each year which will serve as an official financial report for the previous fiscal year.

Rationale: The Treasurer needs to have a working knowledge of spreadsheets in order to generate the reports required by the Region and State on a monthly and annual basis. Financial information needs to be posted to our Region google page so that officers can view bank statements and sign off monthly. These procedures allow for all financial transactions to be monitored and provide transparency to the Region and State.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4

ARTICLE III. REGION OFFICERS

Section 4: Election

The Region Executive Board shall appoint a Nomination/Election Committee to receive nominations for all region offices except President (starting in 2017) and Immediate Past President. The Nomination/Election Committee will solicit nominations for Region Director during even numbered years or during a vacancy according to these and state bylaws. The President shall automatically succeed to the office of Immediate Past President. Only nominations received at least 30 days prior to the annual spring meeting of the Region 4 Assembly at which the election shall be held, shall be included by the Nominations/ Election Committee on the ballot of nominated candidates. Additionally, nominations may be submitted from the floor of the Region 4 ATPE Assembly. A list of nominated candidates shall be given to the Local Unit Presidents of Region 4 at least ten (10) days prior to the regular annual spring meeting of the Region 4 Assembly.

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Section 4: Election

The Election of Officers may be conducted at a Region 4 Assembly, by mail or electronically as established by the Executive Board. The Region Executive Board shall appoint a Nomination/Election Committee to receive nominations for all region offices except President (starting in 2017) and Immediate Past President. The Nomination/Election Committee will solicit nominations for Region Director during even numbered years or during a vacancy according to these and state bylaws. The President shall automatically succeed to the office of Immediate Past President. Only nominations received at least 30 days prior to the annual spring meeting of the Region 4 Assembly at which the election shall be held, shall be included by the Nominations/ Election Committee on the ballot of nominated candidates. Additionally, nominations may be submitted from the floor of the Region 4 ATPE Assembly. A list of nominated candidates shall be given to the Local Unit Presidents of Region 4 at least ten (10) days prior to the regular annual spring meeting of the Region 4 Assembly.

Rationale: Due to unforeseen circumstances the Spring Assembly may not be able to take place as planned. Other election options need to be included in our bylaws so that the region can proceed with the election of new officers regardless of situations beyond our control.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5

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Section 3. Qualifications

All region officers shall be members of Region 4 ATPE as dues paying members and be employed or retired from a public school district.

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All region officers shall be dues paying members of Region 4 ATPE and be employed or retired from a public school district. **They should have served as a local Campus Representative, on the Board of a Local Unit and/or on a Region 4 Committee.**

Rationale: It's important that our Region 4 Executive Board members have knowledge of the workings of ATPE on both the local, region, and state levels. Serving in a local or Region 4 position provides valuable experience and knowledge that is needed to serve as an informed Region 4 Executive Board member.