

## 2022 Proposed Change to the MA UPMA Bylaws #3

Convention Year: 2022	Article: V – Election of Officers, Paragraph 3
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**Description:** The amendment sets forth requirements for an officer nomination from the floor even if the nominee is not present at the state convention. Sections will be added to align with suggested format from Robert’s Rules of Order and the national bylaws.

**Rationale:** Candidates wishing to run for an officer position may be unable to attend the state convention due to extenuating circumstances but still want to be considered for election. Paragraphs titled Sections to align with suggested format from Robert’s Rules of Order and the national bylaws.

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<p>To amend Bylaws Article V by striking the language “provided the nominee is present during the nomination and election” and inserting the language “If the nominee is not present at the state convention to accept the nomination, they must have submitted a letter to the President to be read that includes a brief reason for non-attendance and acceptance of the nomination.</p>	
Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p><b>Article V – Election of Officers, Paragraph 3</b></p> <p>Any member of this chapter, in good standing, may nominate a candidate from the floor for any elective office provided the nominee is present during the nomination and election. The election of officers shall take place during the state convention of this chapter and it shall require a majority of the vote cast to be elected. In the event of a tie vote, the Executive Board shall decide the election; each member will cast one vote. All elections must be held by written ballot, with the exception of an unopposed candidate who may be elected by the casting of one vote by either the President or the Secretary/Treasurer.</p>	<p><b>Article V – Election of Officers</b></p> <p><b>Section 5</b></p> <p>Any member of this chapter, in good standing, may nominate a candidate from the floor for any elective office <del>provided the nominee is present during the nomination and election.</del> <b>If the nominee is not present at the state convention, they must have submitted a letter to the President to be read to the body that includes a brief reason for non-attendance and acceptance of the nomination.</b></p> <p><b>Section 6</b></p> <p>The election of officers shall take place during the state convention of this chapter and it shall require a majority of the vote cast to be elected. In the event of a tie vote, the Executive Board shall decide the election; each member will cast one vote. All elections must be held by written ballot, with the exception of an unopposed candidate who may be elected by the casting of one vote by either the President or the Secretary/Treasurer.</p>

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