

## MA UPMA Proposed Bylaw Change #3

<b>Convention Year: 2026</b>	<b>Article X - Order of Succession Section 3</b>
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**Description:** This amendment still allows the President, with the approval of the E-Board, to name a MA UPMA member to the position of Interim Sec/Treas in the event that the position is vacated and then also requires an Interim Sec/Treas election at the next state convention if there is one scheduled prior to the expiration of the vacated Sec/Treas term.

**Rationale:** This will allow the immediate selection of an Interim Sec/Treas by the President and E-Board and then allow the MA members to vote for an Interim Sec/Treas at the next state convention if there is one held prior to the expiration of the vacated position.

**Submitted By:** Voting E-Board members present at the Jan 8, 2026 meeting: Pres Rob Leary, Keith Miller, Donna Legro, Koren Ahlen, Sylvain Labelle, Jack Tompkins and Rich Hui

**To amend Bylaws:**  
 a) Add the words “This Interim Sec/Treas will serve the remainder of the unexpired term or until the next state convention, whichever comes first. If the next state convention precedes the unexpired term, the membership will vote at that state convention to elect an Interim Sec/Treas to serve until the current term expires to continue to allow permanent Sec/Treas elections to be held in even numbered years per Article V, Section 1.”

<b>Existing Provision</b>	<b>Provision With Proposed Changes</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Article X – Order of Succession Section 3</b></p> <p>In case of a vacancy of the Secretary/Treasurer, the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall name a member to fill the unexpired term.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Article X – Order of Succession Section 3</b></p> <p>In case of a vacancy of the Secretary/Treasurer, the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall name a member to fill the unexpired term.</p> <p style="color: red;">This Interim Sec/Treas will serve the remainder of the unexpired term or until the next state convention, whichever comes first. If the next state convention precedes the unexpired term, the membership will vote at that state convention to elect an Interim Sec/Treas to serve until the current term expires to continue to allow permanent Sec/Treas elections to be held in even numbered years per Article V, Section 1.</p>

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