

MA UPMA Proposed Bylaw Change #4

Convention Year: 2026	Article X - Order of Succession Section 4
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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 Editor in the event that the position is vacated and then also requires an Interim Editor election at the next state convention if there is one scheduled prior to the expiration of the vacated Editor term.

Rationale: This will allow the immediate selection of an Interim Editor by the President and E-Board and then allow the MA members to vote for an Interim Editor 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 Editor 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 Editor to serve until the current term expires to continue to allow permanent Editor elections to be held in even numbered years per Article V, Section 1.”

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p style="text-align: center;">Article X – Order of Succession Section 4</p> <p>In case of a vacancy of the Editor, the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall name a member to fill the unexpired term.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article X – Order of Succession Section 4</p> <p>In case of a vacancy of the Editor, the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall name a member to fill the unexpired term. This Interim Editor 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 Editor to serve until the current term expires to continue to allow permanent Editor elections to be held in even numbered years per Article V, Section 1.</p>

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