



NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

The Board of Officers of the Florida Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) has proposed the following amendment to the Chapter Bylaws. In accordance with Article IX, Section 9.2 of the Chapter Bylaws, notice is hereby provided to all voting-eligible members in good standing at least thirty (30) days prior to consideration of this amendment.

The proposed amendment will be presented for vote during the Chapter Business Meeting at the APCO International Conference in San Antonio, Texas on August 4, 2026 at 3pm CDT.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 26-01

An amendment related to:

Vacancy Procedures and Special Elections for Member-at-Large Positions

Summary

This amendment would clarify the circumstances under which vacancies may occur in elected Chapter offices and establish a special election process for filling vacant Member-at-Large positions for the remainder of an unexpired term. It also replaces references to "ACTIVE Member(s)" with "voting-eligible member(s) in good standing" to align Chapter terminology with APCO International's governing documents.

These changes improve consistency, clarify eligibility and establish a uniform process for filling Board vacancies.

Current Bylaw Language

Article VI, Section 6.2.3 – Positions Open After Election

Should the position of Treasurer, Secretary or Executive Council remain open after the election or upon resignation from the person currently holding the position, the President, with the board members agreement, shall appoint a person to fulfill the position.

Proposed Revised Language

Article VI, Section 6.2.3 – Positions Open After Election

Should the position of Treasurer, Secretary, or Executive Council Representative remain open after an election, or become vacant due to resignation, removal, incapacity, or any other reason, the Chapter President, with the approval of the Board of Officers, shall appoint a voting-eligible member in good standing to fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term.

Article VI, Section 6.2.4 – Special Elections for Member-at-Large Vacancies

Should a Member-at-Large position remain unfilled following an election, or become vacant due to resignation, removal, incapacity, or any other reason, the Chapter shall conduct a special election to fill the unexpired term.

- a) The Chapter shall publish a notice to the membership soliciting candidates for a period of thirty (30) days.*
- b) Interested candidates shall satisfy all candidate qualifications contained in Article VI, Section 6.0 of these Bylaws.*
- c) Following the close of the solicitation period and verification that all candidate eligibility requirements have been met, the Chapter shall conduct an electronic election open for a period of fourteen (14) days.*
- d) Voting shall be open to all voting-eligible members in good standing.*
- e) The candidate receiving the greatest number of valid votes shall be declared elected and shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.*
- f) In the event of a tie vote, the provisions of Section 6.2.1 shall apply.*



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 26-02

An amendment related to: Editorial and Conforming Revisions

Summary

This amendment makes non-substantive editorial, terminology, formatting, grammar, and cross-reference revisions throughout the Florida APCO Chapter Bylaws, including updating terminology where appropriate to align with APCO International. These revisions improve readability and consistency without changing the intent, authority, responsibilities, member rights, or governance established by the Bylaws.

Current Bylaw Provisions

The Florida APCO Chapter Bylaws currently contain various editorial, grammatical, formatting, terminology, capitalization, and cross-reference inconsistencies that have accumulated through successive amendments and revisions.

Proposed Revised Language

The Florida APCO Chapter Bylaws shall be revised to:

- standardize terminology with APCO International where appropriate;
- correct grammatical, typographical, punctuation, formatting, capitalization, and cross-reference inconsistencies;
- standardize references to officer titles, governing bodies, meetings, conferences, committees, and governing documents;
- replace outdated terminology with current APCO International terminology where no substantive change is intended; and
- make other non-substantive editorial and conforming revisions necessary to improve clarity and consistency, provided such revisions do not alter the meaning, intent, authority, member rights, election procedures, or governance established by the existing Bylaws;
- authorize the Chapter Secretary, with the approval of the Board of Officers, to make additional non-substantive editorial corrections necessary to implement this amendment, provided no substantive change to the Bylaws is made.