

Amendment 6_Bylaws

Board vacancies filled by election.

ARTICLE IV: Elections

Section 1. Nominations for regular officer elections shall open six (6) months prior to the biennial convention (see Article VII, Elections, Section 1 of the Constitution). Nominations for elections to fill a vacant Board seat shall open three (3) months prior to the date of the election to fill the seat. Nomination of officers may be made as follows:

(a) Up to seven (7) days prior to Convention, nomination may be made by any local (signature of two officers) or by petition of any 10 members of the State Federation for any offices except Council Vice Presidents. Nominations for Council Vice Presidents may be made by any local attached to the respective Council or by petition of any ten (10) members belonging to the respective Council. Nominations for Regional Vice Presidents may be made by any local attached to the respective region or by petition of any ten (10) members belonging to the respective region. The word "days" shall be construed to mean calendar days throughout the AFT-Wisconsin Constitution and Bylaws unless otherwise noted.

Members will receive monthly, electronic notifications of nominations received. The deadline for nominations is 7 days prior to convention.

(b) If no candidate files for an office, the incoming elected Executive Board will notify respective groups of openings and elect an officer to fill the vacancy from the names submitted to them ~~the President will appoint the position with the advice and consent of the newly elected Executive Board from the names received for consideration.~~

(c) In each case, AFT-Wisconsin members ~~Convention~~ shall be informed of who has made each nomination.

(d) A candidate may only be nominated or appear on the ballot for one (1) Executive Board position during the same election year.

~~(e) The AFT-W Retiree Council V-P/President shall be nominated and elected at the biennial retiree council meeting by the members present.~~

Section 2. Persons nominated before thirty (30) days prior to the election ~~Convention~~ may submit to the Executive Board before thirty (30) days prior to the election ~~Convention~~ statements of position, and the Executive Board, subject to such rules as they shall from time to time enact, shall circulate these to all members of the State Federation or to all locals before fifteen (15) days prior to the election ~~Convention~~.

Submitted by,
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The Executive Board recommends defeat

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Rationale

This amendment is a companion to the *Board vacancies filled by election by members* constitutional amendment.

Democratic elections are a core principle of the AFT-Wisconsin bill of rights and promoting democracy is central to the mission of the federation. In order to ensure that the board upholds democratic process at every level, vacancies on the board should be filled by election rather than direct appointment by the president. Rank and file membership should always have a role in determining who occupies positions of leadership and member representation. The goal of this amendment is to ensure that there is a commitment to direct, democratic processes at every level of the state federation.