

**Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee  
Summer Quarterly Report**

August 18, 2018

This chair would like to ask all chapters if you haven't submitted your Chapter Bylaws in the last 2 years to please submit your bylaws for review and approval by the Bylaws Committee.

Every Board of Trustees member has the ability to submit a request of change (amendment) of the WSSMA Bylaws. Please review the updated WSSMA Bylaws and if you feel there is something that needs to be changed, please submit your request to this committee chair. Bylaws changes (Amendments) can only be presented and voted upon at the 2019 WSSMA House of Delegates. An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible voting members of the HOD shall be required for adoption of any amendment.

There are two proposed Bylaws Amendments being submitted by the AAMA Board of Trustees.  
Proposed Bylaws Amendment 18-01 Article V - Component Chapters  
Proposed Bylaws Amendment 18-02 Article XXIII – Amendments

These proposed amendments will be presented during New Business and are attachments with this report.

Respectively submitted



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3                                   **PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT 18-01**

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6 Proposed by the AAMA Board of Trustees

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9 **ARTICLE V—COMPONENT CHAPTERS**

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11 CURRENT WORDING

12 Component (Local) Chapters are those county or district chapters of medical assistants within  
13 the geographic limits of a Constituent Society. The Component Chapters shall be under the  
14 jurisdiction of that Constituent Society.

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17 PROPOSED WORDING

18 Component (Local) Chapters are those county or district chapters of medical assistants within  
19 the geographic limits of a Constituent Society. The Component Chapters shall be under the  
20 jurisdiction of that Constituent Society. **Annual chapter dues for all classes of members**  
21 **shall be fixed by the state society.**  
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25 RATIONALE

26 This amendment clarifies that the chapters are under the direct guidance of the state societies  
27 and not under the national level.

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4 **PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT 18-02**

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10 **ARTICLE XXIII—AMENDMENTS**

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12 CURRENT WORDING

13 These Bylaws may be amended at any annual House of Delegates meeting by a two-thirds  
14 vote provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing to the elected  
15 Delegates no later than 60 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.  
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18 PROPOSED WORDING

19 These Bylaws may be amended at any annual House of Delegates meeting by a two-thirds  
20 vote provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing to the elected  
21 Delegates no later than **45** days prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.  
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25 RATIONALE

26 In the current era of electronic communication, state societies and delegates do not need as  
27 much time to facilitate pre-conference discussion as they did when the only options were  
28 more time-consuming.  
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30 Revising the timeline will facilitate the work of the Board of Trustees, Education Board  
31 Chairs, and relevant AAMA staff in producing the yearly Delegates Packet, without having a  
32 negative impact on the delegates and alternates.