

## MAMEA By-Law Changes: Requiring Vote by Membership on October 10/3/09

Proposed by Board to: Allow electronic voting for MAMEA officers. Allow voting prior to the NMEA Conference each year  
 Motion passed by the MAMEA Board on 3/28/09.

**For member vote on 10/3/09, at the Annual Meeting during our Fall Conference at the Virden Center, Lewes, DE.**

From: Existing By Law (note highlighted sections)

To: Revised By-Law (changed section in red)

<p><b>ARTICLE V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>                  Section 1A. Member of the Corporation shall be notified by the secretary no later than 60 days before the annual meeting that nominations are being accepted.</p> <p>Section 1B. Thirty (30) days prior to each election, the Nominating Committee shall name candidates for each elective office incorporating all mail-in nominations.</p> <p>Section 1C. Prior to the Annual Meeting, Nominating Committee will contact each nominee to determine his/her willingness to serve.</p> <p>Section 2. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting; nominations will be accepted from the floor.</p> <p>Section 3. Three tellers shall count all ballots.</p> <p>Section 4. The candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected.</p> <p>Section 5. The incoming Officers shall assume office for the ensuing year at the time designated by the Outgoing President at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.</p> <p>Section 6. President, President-elect, and Past-President will have terms of one year.                  Secretary and Treasurer will have staggered terms of 2 years. State representatives will have staggered terms of 2 years with 2 or 3 representatives elected each year.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>                  Section 1A. Member of the Corporation shall be notified by the secretary no later than 60 days before election ballots are distributed that nominations are being accepted.</p> <p>Section 1B. Thirty (30) days prior to election ballots being distributed, the Nominating Committee shall name candidates for each elective office incorporating all mail-in nominations.</p> <p>Section 1C. Prior to the distribution of ballots, Nominating Committee will contact each nominee to determine his/her willingness to serve.</p> <p>Section 2. Elections will be held by mail-in ballot and/or online voting; write in votes will be accepted. Voting will be open for one month and will close two weeks before the MAMEA meeting at the National Marine Educators Conference.</p> <p>Section 3. Three tellers shall count all ballots.</p> <p>Section 4. The candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected.</p> <p>Section 5. The incoming Officers will be announced at the MAMEA meeting at the National Marine Educators Conference. Officers shall assume office for the ensuing year at the time designated by the Outgoing President at the annual meeting of the corporation (MAMEA).</p> <p>Section 6. President, President-elect, and Past-President will have terms of one year.                  Secretary and Treasurer will have staggered terms of 2 years. State representatives will have staggered terms of 2 years with 2 or 3 representatives elected each year.</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS</b>                  These By-Laws may be amended by one-half plus one vote of the membership present at a duly constituted meeting of the Corporation or by a one-half plus one vote of all members responding by mailed ballot.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS</b>                  These By-Laws may be amended by one-half plus one vote of the membership present at a duly constituted meeting of the Corporation or by a one-half plus one vote of all members responding by mailed or online ballot.</p>