



3 - Bylaw Amendment Recommendation to the
2008 House of Delegates Regarding Delegate's Term
Submitted by the Connecticut Chapter

Whereas:

- While limiting a delegate to serve no more than two consecutive elected terms in the HOD might encourage someone to run for the delegate position in some chapters, it does not mean that it will serve every chapter and
- Delegates are elected by the chapter's professional members to serve for the year, so the chapter members have the means to create change, if they desire, and
- The process of being an effective delegate may take some individuals repeated attendance to fully assimilate and understand in order to participate in an effective manner and
- Fostering experience and leadership qualities are important to any organization and
- Seasoned delegates (having served more than two consecutive years) offer experienced guidance, direction, sense of stability, within their chapter and with other chapters and
- First time delegates to the House of Delegates often rely on "seasoned" delegates for guidance and support and
- The present term limitations, stating that a chapter's delegate may serve no more than two consecutive years in the House of Delegates, may serve as a hardship such as the inability to offer eligible or interested nominees.

Therefore, be it resolved that the House of Delegates recommends to the National Board of Directors to modify the present House of Delegates requirement to allow each chapter to determine whether or not to put a limitation on the number of years a delegate can serve in the House of Delegates, as stated in the suggested Bylaws change.

Section 3. House of Delegates

B. Composition

- a. The delegate shall serve a term of office from January 1 through December 31 of the year of the HOD meeting in which he is a representative.
- b. ~~The delegate shall serve no more than two consecutive elected terms.~~ ***The term of a delegate shall be determined by each chapter and clearly stated in the chapter's standing rules.***
- c. A vacancy in the position of delegate may be established through resignation, disqualification, disablement, or death prior to the regular end of term of office.
- d. The alternate receiving the most votes in the election of delegates shall fill a vacancy in the position of delegate.

Submitted by Maureen Stott (AMTAemail@aol.com)

Authorized by unanimous vote of the AMTA CT Chapter Board of Directors via conference call on January 29, 2008.