The WCMEA Board of Directors proposes to amend the WCMEA Constitution and Bylaws related to the Board Officer’s terms. The proposal is to transition the elected Board of Offices to a term of two-years each. This proposal would take place over a transitional period involving the years of 2020 and 2021. The original language for the impacted areas of the Constitution and Bylaws are outlined below with the original language appearing before the proposed language change.

The proposed language change impacts two areas of the current WCMEA Constitution and Bylaws.

**ORIGINAL LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

SECTION 3 Officers shall serve for a term of one year commencing at the closure of the annual conference at which they are elected. Any officer may be re-elected to the office if the general membership so desires.

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGE TO ARTICLE 2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

SECTION 3 Officers shall serve for a term of two years commencing at the closure of the annual conference at which they are elected. Any officer may be re-elected to the office if the general membership so desires.

Officers will be elected for a two year term in the following rotation:

Beginning with the election at the Annual Meeting in June of 2020 the offices of President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer will be on the ballot for two year terms, At the Annual Meeting in 2020 the remaining three offices, 1st Vice President, Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms will be on the ballot for one year terms.

At the annual meeting in 2021 the offices of 1st Vice President, Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms will be on the ballot for two year terms.

Moving forward from 2021, election terms for each elected office will be two-year terms with three offices on the ballot each year. In the odd number years the offices of 1st Vice President, Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms will be on the ballot and in the even years President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer will be on the ballot.

**ORIGINAL LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS**

Section 1 B. The Nominating Committee will meet in person, via teleconference, or via e-mail to discuss and decide upon the recommended nominations for the offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms and the three-year trustee. The Nominating Committee will ensure the nominees’ willingness to accept the nominations

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGE TO ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS**

Section 1 B. The Nominating Committee will meet in person, via teleconference, or via e-mail to discuss and decide upon the recommended nominations for the offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms and the three-year trustee in alternating years as described in Article II Section 3 of the Constitution. The Nominating Committee will ensure the nominees’ willingness to accept the nominations.

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In accordance with Article VI Section 1, AMENDMENTS that reads:

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 The Association shall have power to amend or revise this Constitution and By-Laws by a two-thirds vote of the Active members of the Association in good standing who are present. Proposed amendments and revisions will be voted on during the annual business meeting.

The membership must be notified in writing at least 30 days in advance of the annual meeting of any proposed Constitution or By-Laws changes. This notification indicates the changes proposed and includes the identity of the member(s) sponsoring the changes.

All proposed amendments or revisions will be posted from the beginning of the conference and written copies of changes will be made available to all members. Reasonable time for discussion of Constitution and By-Laws changes will be scheduled at the annual meeting.

**The WCMEA Board of Directors makes this proposed language change for WCMEA Membership consideration and vote at the June 2019 Annual Membership Meeting on June 11, 2019. The Membership vote on the proposed changes will occur during the annual meeting between the hours of 12:15PM and 1:30PM.**

Respectfully Submitted by the WCMEA Board of Directors