

Summary of Proposed Bylaw Changes

The VPA Bylaws are proposed to be amended at the 2021 VPA Annual Meeting to bring VPA’s elected and appointed positions better in line with each position’s title and responsibilities on the NNECAPA Executive Committee. In addition, the Executive Committee proposes to change the Legislative Liaison to an appointed position, and to revise the language of the Bylaws use gender-neutral language.

NNECAPA Conference & Section Representative Positions

The bylaw changes proposed reflect a shift in the positions on the NNECAPA Executive Committee. NNECAPA’s Bylaws were amended during the 2021 Conference to rename the “Section Representative” to “Conference Representative” and to create a new positions on its EC, which will be the “Section Representative” for each state.

While the position of Conference Representative is a new title, the individual’s functions are quite similar to those that were previously performed by the Section Representative. The position’s primary purpose is to participate and run the NNECAPA Conference, so the position’s title was revised to more accurately reflect the duties of the position. The Conference Representative is to be elected by the VPA’s membership as a voting member of both VPA & NNECAPA’s EC’s.

The new Section Representative position will be the second voting member representing VPA on the NNECAPA EC. The Section Representatives will replace the Legislative Liaisons from each state on the NNECAPA EC. At the 2020 Retreat, NNECAPA and the state Sections agreed that having the Legislative Liaison position on the NNECAPA EC was unnecessary since the Legislative Liaisons mostly focused on state, as opposed to national, legislation. The Section Representative will be chosen (appointed) by the EC from among the EC Members elected at each Annual meeting. The following illustrates how the voting members of the NNECAPA EC are proposed to change:

Current NNECAPA EC Voting Members:

6 Elected Officers (At-Large)			+ 6 Members of Sections' Leadership		
Chapter President	Vice President	Secretary	VPA Section Representative	NHPA Section Representative	MAP Section Representative
Treasurer	Professional Development Officer	Public Information Officer	VPA Legislative Liaison	NHPA Legislative Liaison	MAP Legislative Liaison

Proposed NNECAPA EC Voting Members:

6 Elected Officers (At-Large)			+ 6 Members of Sections' Leadership		
Chapter President	Vice President	Secretary	Rename to Conference Rep	Rename to Conference Rep	Rename to Conference Rep
Treasurer	Professional Development Officer	Public Information Officer	Replace with New Section Rep	Replace with New Section Rep	Replace with New Section Rep

VPA Legislative Liaison

In addition to removing the Legislative Liaison from the NNECAPA EC, the VPA EC is proposing a bylaw amendment that makes VPA’s Legislative Liaison position an appointed rather than elected position. This change is not required by the changes to the voting membership of the NNECAPA EC. Instead, it was proposed by some members of the VPA EC as an opportunity to help with the recruitment of a Legislative Liaison. Like the Downtown Board Representative, the Legislative Liaison may be either a VPA EC member (such as one of the at-large directors) or may be a VPA member at-large. The following illustrates how the voting members of the VPA EC are proposed to change:

Current VPA EC Members:

President	Vice President	*Section Representative	At Large	At Large	At Large	Past President
Treasurer	Secretary	*Legislative Liaison	At Large	At Large	At Large	^Downtown Bd Rep (& Alternate)

*Voting member of both NNECAPA & VPA Executive Committees.

^Appointed by the VPA Executive Committee, may be an elected member of the EC or an at-large VPA member

Proposed VPA EC Members:

President	Vice President	*Rename to Conference Rep	At Large	At Large	At Large	Past President
Treasurer	Secretary	*Replace with New Section Rep	At Large	At Large	At Large	^Dntn Board Rep & Legislative Liaison positions

*Voting member of both NNECAPA & VPA Executive Committees.

^Appointed by the VPA Executive Committee, may be an elected member of the EC or an at-large VPA member

Gender Neutral Language

Language throughout the bylaw document have been amended to remove references to “he/she” with “they/them” language to be more inclusive.