



Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Education Association  
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Dear TEMSEA Member:

We are presenting a proposed BOARD MEMBER ELECTION PROCESS REVISION JULY 2009 to the membership for approval. The Bylaws Committee, the Nominations Committee, the Board of Directors, and in consultation with the Association's Legal Advisor, have carefully reviewed the proposed changes and feel the proposed changes, marked as the BOARD MEMBER ELECTION PROCESS REVISION JULY 2009, appropriately addresses all identified issues.

The Nominations Committee entered this review with several objectives: 1) maintain that Board Members are elected by their constituents; 2) create stability and continuity in the Executive Board and Officers; 3) reorder the election process; and 4) to ensure that the Board Member election process remain within the bylaws and all preserve the embodiment of the Associations' Vision and Mission.

The proposed change to the election process is posted on the TEMSEA website. To access the proposed revision go to [www.tnemsea.com](http://www.tnemsea.com).

The election process revision proposed is provided to ensure the election process follows the organizational bylaws to ensure not more than one-third of the Directors have terms expiring in any given year. The current term schedule allows approximately one-half of the Directors terms will expire July 2009. The TEMSEA Board also has determined this change is necessary to ensure elections in the future provide the organization with consistency of leadership, especially as it relates to our voice in State of Tennessee EMS education. Secondary to these benefits this revision will allow newly elected members adequate time to learn their roles and responsibilities within the organization which affords the Directors to more effectively and efficiently serve their constituents.

TEMSEA Regular Members who are in good standing with the Association at the time of the voting process will secret-ballot vote on the proposed bylaws Wednesday, July 29, 2009 from 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM EDT during the 2009 Conference check-in process. Voting will be cast regarding the BOARD MEMBER ELECTION PROCESS REVISION JULY 2009 by indicating either "YES" to approve the proposal in its entirety or "NO" to oppose the proposal in its entirety. To help reduce expenses, no photocopies of the proposed revision will be distributed prior to or during the conference.

TEMSEA appreciates your dedication and active participation in your Association. Continued support of EMS Education by all Tennessee educators through TEMSEA will assist in the professional development of Tennessee EMS and Tennessee EMS Educators. We look forward to seeing you at the 2009 EMS / Education Conference July 29 – 31, at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On behalf of the TEMSEA Nominations Committee and the Board of Directors, I am

Very truly yours,

*Phillip Sanderson*

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