

The RPEA Executive Board proposes to amend several provisions of the Retired Public Employees of Alaska (RPEA) Bylaws, dated August 2017. There is a brief explanation for each of the proposed amendments below. The RPEA Executive Board recommends a **DO PASS** vote to adopt all three proposed amendments to the RPEA Bylaws, as described below.

Note: **Bold and underlined words** are additions; [BRACKETED AND CAPITALIZED WORDS] are deletions.

Proposed Amendment #1: RPEA Bylaw Article II

This amendment proposes two changes to **Article II, Objectives**. The first removes “as determined by the Executive Board” since the Objectives of RPEA are determined by the members. The second, adds a new objective to expressly identify RPEA’s authority to act to protect vested retiree benefits. No other changes are proposed to Article II. The RPEA Executive Board recommends a **DO PASS** vote to adopt Bylaw Amendment #1.

Article II, OBJECTIVES is amended to read:

The objectives of RPEA [, AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,] are to educate and assist retired and retiring public employees about their retirement benefits and to support the aims and objectives of the APEA/AFT by:

- a. Supporting programs that will advance the best interest of retired public employees;
- b. Staying informed of current issues that impact the welfare of retired public employees, such as any reduction of medical or pension benefits;
- c. Keeping members informed of these issues;
- d. Obtaining input from members about their concerns;
- e. [~~And~~] Maintaining regular communication between RPEA and appropriate agencies and boards; **and**
- f. When appropriate, acting on behalf of retired public employees and any eligible dependents, to protect any vested retirement benefits.**

Proposed Amendment #2: RPEA Bylaw Article VII

This amendment proposes to repeal **Article VII, Section 6, Electronic Voting** in its entirety. This change is proposed because the process for e-mail voting by the Executive Board, as written in this Bylaw, does not comply with Alaska law AS 10.20, and e-mail voting is not used by the Executive Board. The RPEA Executive Board recommends a **DO PASS** vote to adopt Bylaw Amendment #2.

Article VII, EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section 6 is repealed.

[SECTION 6. ELECTRONIC VOTING

- A. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MAY CONDUCT AN E-MAIL VOTE AT THE PRESIDENT'S DISCRETION.
- B. THE PRESIDENT SHALL SEND THE QUESTION TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

- C. A RESPONSE OF A MINIMUM OF FIVE VOTES IS REQUIRED FOR AN ACTION.
- D. ANY ACTION TAKEN FROM AN ELECTRONIC VOTE WILL BE REVIEWED AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD AT THE NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.]

Proposed Amendment #3: RPEA Bylaw Article VIII

This amendment proposes to change **Article VIII, Elections**, to allow RPEA to hold elections using electronic voting through an online election system; and, to allow notices and ballots to be emailed to RPEA members. With this change, RPEA will no longer be required to mail paper ballots to its members. This change will significantly decrease the cost of holding an election and sending election information and ballots to all active members via postal mail. The RPEA Executive Board recommends a **DO PASS** vote to adopt Bylaw Amendment #3.

Article VIII, ELECTIONS is amended to read:

Section 1. Election Procedures

- a. Elections for officers shall be held annually for officers whose terms expire.
- b. Elections shall be by secret ballot **and may be held through an online voting system.**
- c. Newly elected officers shall assume office on July 1 or the first day of the month following declaration.

Section 2. Nominations and Voting

- a. The Executive Board, at the regular January meeting, shall appoint a Nominations Committee to conduct all general and special elections for the current year.
- b. Candidates for office shall not serve on the Nominations Committee.
- c. The Nominations Committee shall notify members of the opening of nominations for officers [IN THE NEWSLETTER AND] by **mail and/or by** email and shall receive nominations for forty-five (45) days.
- d. A ballot shall be prepared by the Nominations Committee and [MAILED] **emailed** to each member in good standing. [, EXCEPT A MAIL] **A** ballot will not be required if a candidate is unopposed at the close of nominations. If there is only one qualified candidate for an officer position, the Executive Board shall appoint that individual.
- e. **No candidate may participate in the counting of election ballots.** [THE BALLOTS SHALL BE TALLIED BY NON-CANDIDATE MEMBERS SELECTED BY THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE.] The candidates for office receiving a plurality of votes shall be declared elected by the President at the next Executive Board meeting and members shall be notified **by email or** in the next Newsletter.
- f. Notwithstanding c. through e. above, the Executive Board may conduct a special election if exigent circumstances warrant, with forty-five (45) days' notice to the members. **Notice will be done by email and posted on the RPEA webpage.**