

PROPOSAL 1:

ARTICLE X SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

Nominating and Elections Committee.

Paragraph **10.2.2** currently reads.

The Nominating and Elections committee shall accept nominations from active members for the positions to be elected. The Nominating and Elections committee will present the nominations to the membership at the election meeting and will preside over all elections of the association.

Recommended change to read.

10.2.2 The Nominating and Elections committee shall accept nominations from active members for the positions to be elected. **Nominations may be submitted to the Nominating and Elections Committee Chair verbally, by hard copy or electronic media. Nominations will close seven (7) days prior to the election meeting.** The Nominating and Elections committee will present the nominations to the membership **five (5) days prior to the election meeting via hard copy or electronic media**, and will preside over all elections of the association.

PROPOSAL 2:

ARTICLE XI- ELECTIONS

Paragraph 11.2 Nomination for Office.

11.2.2. Currently reads.

Active members in good standing may present additional nominations from the floor at the election meeting.

Recommended change to Read.

11.2.2. Active members in good standing may present additional nominations from the floor at the election meeting **if the Nomination Committee has not received any other verbal, hard copy or electronic media nominations from the membership at least seven (7) days prior to the election meeting.**

Rationale:

The rationale for the proposed Amendments considers the following:

1. Eastern Officials Association is THE "Association of Choice" to provide officiating services for recreational, scholastic and collegiate sports within the Hampton Roads area, as is easily substantiated by the sheer, consistently growing volume of services the Association has provided previously, and will continue to provide in the future. The Officers of this

Association are critical to the success of the Association and its Members, so any nomination to the responsibilities of a particular position should not be taken lightly by the Membership, the Nominee, or those persons currently holding the office. To nominate a candidate from the floor at the time of the election could leave some doubt as to the genuine interest and level of commitment that nominee has to the Office up for Election.

2. To elect the nominee best qualified for a particular position, the Members must be able to discern and fairly assess a candidate's qualification for, and genuine unencumbered interest in, the Office being elected. By publishing the names of nominees to the Membership at least five (5) days in advance of the election, Members will have adequate time to formulate appropriate questions needed to better evaluate a nominee's qualifications prior to voting.