



## SoWH Proposed 2018 Bylaws - FAQs

The following are some frequently asked questions that may arise from the proposed changes to the SoWH bylaws. If you have questions that are not addressed in the following, feel free to contact SoWH through the [Member Care and Share Form](#).

### **GENERAL TOPICS**

Q	When is the vote to approve the proposed SoWH 2018 bylaws?
A	At the SoWH Business Meeting on Friday, February 23rd at the 2018 APTA CSM conference in New Orleans, LA.
ACTION	n/a

### **PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

TOPIC	<b>ARTICLE IV. COMPONENT MEMBERSHIP</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 2 = gives PTs and PTAs equal votes at 1 vote each</li> <li>Section 7 = provides members with an option to resign membership if desired</li> </ol>
BENEFIT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equality of voting among all eligible PT and PTA members.</li> <li>We hope that a SoWH member would never desire to resign, and in the event of that unfortunate occurrence, we wanted the bylaws to ensure members are empowered to manage all aspects of their SoWH membership.</li> </ol>
ACTION	These are section amendments that require vote approval from SoWH Members.

TOPIC	<b>ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sections 1(Annual), 3(Special), 4(Regional) = empowers SoWH Board + Members to hold in-person and virtual (electronic) meetings. Eases restrictions for Board + Members to call special and regional meetings.</li> <li>Section 5 (Voting) = confirms equality of PT and PTA voting. Permits electronic voting at virtual (electronic) meetings and at in-person meetings.</li> </ol>
BENEFIT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empower SoWH to host in-person and virtual meetings, which increases access to official SoWH business meetings to ALL of SoWH's growing membership. This also eases the requirements for SoWH Members to call an official membership.</li> <li>Confirms the equality of PT and PTA votes. This amendment also permits electronic voting which expands access to voting on SoWH business agenda items to all SoWH's growing membership who are not able to attend an in-person meeting.</li> </ol>

ACTION	These are section amendments that require vote approval from SoWH Members.
TOPIC	<p><b>ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Section 1 = Two new board roles are created: President-Elect and Past President. The board size increases to 12 (between 10-15).</li> <li>2. Section 2 = President-Elect/President/Past President terms are each 1 year in length. President-Elect automatically succeeds President role.</li> </ol>
BENEFIT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creates more support for Board Strategic Functions including succession planning, membership development/engagement, and leadership development. This change also creates an onboarding and offboarding of the President's role, maintaining the three year commitment, with a specific strategic goal for each year.</li> <li>2. Increases the opportunity for all eligible SoWH Members to serve in the top volunteer leadership role.</li> </ol>
ACTION	These are section amendments that require vote approval from SoWH Members.
TOPIC	<p><b>ARTICLE X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirms electronic voting.</li> <li>2. President-Elect is elected every-year.</li> </ol>
BENEFIT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Electronic voting expands access to voting on SoWH business agenda items to all SoWH's growing membership who are not able to attend an in-person meeting.</li> <li>2. Supports the more strategic function of onboarding and offboarding of the President's role, maintaining the three year commitment, with a specific strategic goal for each year.</li> </ol>
ACTION	These are section amendments that require vote approval from SoWH Members.
TOPIC	<p><b>ARTICLE XVI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Defines the executive director role and responsibilities.</li> </ol>
BENEFIT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clarifies the roles and responsibilities of this position. SoWH Members now have a defined measurement of evaluation for how this role is accountable to SoWH and the SoWH membership.</li> </ol>
ACTION	These are section amendments that require vote approval from SoWH Members.
TOPIC	<p><b>ARTICLE XVII. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identifies the protections of SoWH staff and volunteer leadership that serve on the Board of Directors..</li> </ol>
BENEFIT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirms that volunteer leadership does not assume financial risk nor legal liability while in the role.</li> </ol>
ACTION	These are section amendments that require vote approval from SoWH Members.