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Rationale:

Our full mission statement appears on the NCME Website. Striking the statement from the Bylaws provides more fluidity to refine and update as needed.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

~~**Section 1.** The Council shall include Active, Emeritus, and Student categories of membership.~~

~~**Section 2.** An Active member shall be a person actively engaged in the field of educational or psychological measurement, who desires to promote the purpose of the Council, and who pays dues as prescribed in these Bylaws. An Active member shall be entitled to vote and hold elective office.~~

~~**Section 3.** An Emeritus member shall be any person who has been an active member of the Council for at least 10 years, is at least 60 years of age, is no longer employed on a full-time basis, and who pays dues as prescribed in these Bylaws. An Emeritus member shall be entitled to vote and hold elective office.~~

~~**Section 4.** A Student member shall be any graduate student in the field of educational or psychological measurement, who is endorsed by an Active or Emeritus member, who is interested in promoting the purposes of the Council, who is not employed full-time, and who pays dues as prescribed by these Bylaws. This category of membership, for any one individual, is limited to four years. A Student member shall not have the right to vote or hold elective office.~~

Proposed Amendment:

Membership categories and criteria will be prescribed by the Board of Directors in general operating policies and procedures.

Rationale:

Striking specific categories and criteria from the Bylaws will allow NCME to make efficient changes as necessary in response to the needs of our constituency, e.g., ensuring continuation of a free first year of membership for students, establishing affiliate member categories for individuals in related fields, etc.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

Section 1. On or before June 1 of each year, the Immediate Past President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than two Active and/or Emeritus members. The Immediate Past President will chair the committee. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least two eligible members for the office of Vice President and for each additional vacancy on the Board of Directors.

Each year only one of the two positions for the Board of Directors will be elected from the membership at-large. The second position will be designated as restricted (on a rotating basis) to NCME members who, at the time of their nomination, are employed in (a) a local educational agency; (b) a state or federal educational agency or organization; or (c) a testing organization. The designated group is excluded from consideration from the at-large position in that same year. The resulting configuration would be for three-year election cycles. The Nominating Committee, having first ascertained the availability of each nominee, shall report its nominations to the President by August 1.

Section 2. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the tabulation of votes. The Election Committee will certify the tabulation. In the case of a tie, the election will be determined by lot and witnessed by at least two members of the Election Committee.

Proposed Amendment:

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

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To maintain balance on the Board of Directors, the two vacant positions every year will be filled (on a rotating basis) by one at large member and one restricted member in cycles (a) and (b), and two restricted members in cycle (c). The restricted seats will be filled by NCME members who, at the time of their nomination, are employed:(a) in a local educational agency; (b) a state or federal educational agency or organization; or (c) an assessment or testing organization (one seat) and an institute of higher learning (one seat). The designated group is excluded from consideration from the at-large position in that same year. The resulting configuration would be for three-year election cycles.

The Nominating Committee, having first ascertained the availability of each nominee, shall report its nominations to the President prior to presentation to members eligible to vote. ~~by August 1.~~

Rationale:

It seems important to require every Board to have one member representing higher education, where the training of future NCME members likely occurs. Because the restricted seats rotate on a three-year cycle, and the elected Board members serve three-year terms, this change ensures that while the configuration of the Board changes yearly, every Board will have representation of these four categories. Striking the references to June 1 and August 1 prevents us from being out of compliance with the Bylaws should the timing of leadership transitions shift alongside the schedule of the annual conference.

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Proposed Amendment:

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Rationale: Generalizing staff responsibility provides more flexibility.

ARTICLE VII: FINANCES

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Section 2: The Board of Directors shall establish the dues for all categories of membership in general operating policies and procedures.

Rationale: Striking specific categories and criteria from the Bylaws will allow NCME the flexibility to make efficient changes as necessary. Our current practice of allowing graduate students a free year of membership is not in compliance with the current Bylaws; this change would allow us to continue that practice, as well as flexibility to, for example, offer students lower rates overall.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws may be initiated in either of the following ways:

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Rationale:

The membership count may be fluid, and the exact number of members (and therefore, the number representing 1%) is unlikely to be known by members who wish to submit a change. Specifying a specific number of members removes this ambiguity. In addition, because the membership classifications may change, specifying members who are eligible to vote, rather than the specific names of membership classifications, seems prudent.

Please note that any NCME member can bring any issue to the Board at any time to any of the Board members, which are listed on the NCME website. The "Contact Us" feature on the Website can also be used (<https://www.ncme.org/contact-us>).