

OCSBA - PROPOSED BYLAWS UPDATES FOR 2026

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1: A member district that pays dues directly to the Association may appoint a Trustee to a seat on the Board of Directors

ADD LANGUAGE TO ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2: Eligibility. Any Member is eligible to be elected to the Association’s Board of Directors. Only one Member from each Member School District is allowed to serve on the Board at any given time.

The Intermediate School District pays annual membership dues directly to the Association, and is therefore entitled to appoint one (1) Trustee to a 3-year term on the Board of Directors. If the ISD chooses to not exercise their right to appoint a Director, the Board of Directors shall be notified, in writing, within 30 days of a Board election so that the seat can be filled by election.

Rationale: Like every other member district, the ISD is a member of MASB and is therefore a member of the Association. However, to support the Association, the ISD is the ONLY member district that ALSO pays annual dues (currently \$6,000 per year) directly to the Association!

This proposal helps the Association by providing board continuity. The BOD is a working BOD, and it is a struggle to fill all 9 positions on the Board of Directors. This proposal will help to consistently fill 1 seat. An appointment by a dues-paying district will not alter the total number of Directors. The limit of one director per district does not change.

Given the unparalleled financial and in-kind support that the ISD provides to the Association, an appointed ISD Director is fair and reasonable. The ISD provides in-kind donations of event space with AV support (equipment *and* staff), and legislative affairs/advocacy support. When requested, the ISD provides employee speakers at no cost to the Association. The ISD’s annual dues cover the entire cost that the Association pays to the ISD for service agreements: Event Management services (including but not limited to staff, online registration, collection and processing meeting fees and onsite event support) and Financial Services support (that includes but is not limited to monthly financial accounting, and filing annual tax and state reports).

RELATED LANGUAGE IN THE BYLAWS:

*** PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY, THIS LANGUAGE WOULD NOT CHANGE ***

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Members. The Association shall be organized upon a membership basis. Any publicly elected Board of Education member of a school district located in Oakland County or **any elected Oakland ISD Board of Education member** (referred to herein as “Member School Districts”), **that is also a member in good standing in the Michigan Association of School Boards (“MASB”), is an eligible general member of this Association** (referred to herein as a “Member” or collectively the “Members”).

ARTICLE IV DUES

The Association shall be financed by an annual MASB grant to its County Area School Boards Association (CASBA) members, **Intermediate School District membership dues in an amount not to exceed the MASB CASBA grant**, and by contributions and gifts accepted by the Association.

ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Number of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of an odd number of Directors, with **no fewer than 7 nor more than 9 members**.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2: Ensure that either the Chair -or- Vice-Chair of every OCSBA committee is a member of the Board of Directors (BOD).

ADD OR REVISE LANGUAGE IN TWO (2) SECTIONS OF ARTICLE IX:

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 3: Committee Chairs. Each standing and ad hoc committee shall elect a Chairperson annually from the appointed representatives. **In the event that the elected committee chair is not a member of the Board of Directors, the Association Board shall appoint one of its Directors to serve as Vice-Chair of the committee.** The election shall be the first order of business at the Committee's first meeting after July 1st, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws. Written notice of the election date, time and place shall be provided to all appointed representatives not less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting at which the vote will occur.

Rationale for adding this language to Section 3: Any member can be elected to chair any committee (i.e., the chair does NOT have to be a member of the BOD). When a committee chair is not a member of the BOD, assigning a member of the BOD to serve as Vice-Chair will provide BOD support for the committee and ensure direct two-way communication between the committee and the BOD. It will ensure compliance with BOD procedures and Association bylaws.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 4: The Government Relations Committee.

Committee Membership/Leadership:

A Committee Chairperson will be elected annually from the appointed Members at the first committee meeting after January 31st. Each Member School District in attendance shall have one (1) vote, which shall be cast by the Member School District's appointed representative.

~~In the absence of an elected Vice-Chair, the Vice-President of OCSBA will assume the position of Vice Chair.~~ **In the event that the elected committee chair is not a member of the Board of Directors, the Association Board shall appoint one of its Directors to serve as Vice-Chair of the committee.**

Rationale for revising the current language in Section 4: While all Directors serve on 1 or more committees, Directors are not necessarily involved in the GRC. Some Directors never attend GRC meetings, but the Vice Chair of the GRC must regularly attend GRC meetings. Like the GRC Chair, the Vice Chair needs to be knowledgeable and actively involved in advocacy. Both the Chair and Vice Chair of the GRC need to provide leadership for our members by regularly attending state and national advocacy conferences & events (e.g. MASB Behind the Scenes and NSBA Advocacy Institute). For these reasons, the OCSBA Vice President is not always the person that is best suited to fulfill the role of GRC Vice Chair. The OCSBA Board of Directors should be allowed to decide which of its Directors is best suited to serve in the role.