



NWA's Board of Directors in partnership with NWA's Bylaws Committee is putting forth the following proposed changes to the Bylaws below.

Voting members will vote on these changes during the 2021 NWA Annual Business Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 10th, 2021 from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm ET.

Proposed Change #1

Current Bylaws:

Article IV - Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

E. Individual Memberships:

Interested individuals employed or formerly employed by State or Local WIC Agencies.

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Agencies **and other qualified individuals**. Membership is personal, not agency.

Reasoning for proposed change: NWA has experienced individual memberships of individuals who have not fully divulged their relationships with otherwise disavowed entities. NWA recommends adding "qualified" independent individuals giving NWA the authority to determine the relationships and intentions of applicants.

Proposed Change #2

Current Bylaws:

Article VIII – Board of Directors

Section 2. Composition

F. The Association's President & CEO shall serve as an ex officio member without a vote.

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Article VIII – Board of Directors

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F. The Association's President & CEO shall serve as ex-officio member **of the Board of Directors and all committees and task forces** without a vote.

Reasoning for proposed change: This change helps to further clarify the role of NWA's President & CEO as a member of the board and all committees and task forces who does not have a vote.

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