

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

Kentucky Association of Nursing Students

KANS members and delegates can review seven proposed bylaws amendments for consideration by the House of Delegates at the October 3, 2026 annual meeting. The proposals address officer structure, succession, elections, financial administration, voting rights, quorum, and amendment procedures.

Each proposal requires a separate House vote under the bylaws in force when the House considers it. The proposals do not change the bylaws before adoption. Each proposal specifies an immediate effective date and any applicable transition provisions.

Proposals for member review

Item	Proposed change
1	Eliminate First Vice President, list President-Elect as an officer, and rename Second Vice President as Vice President.
2	Establish one Secretary-Treasurer office with the duties of both offices and one vote.
3	Clarify presidential succession, term limits, partial-term calculations, and vacancy procedures.
6	Establish an impartial Nominations and Elections Committee and candidate eligibility review and appeal procedures.
7	Authorize a Financial Administrator while retaining elected oversight, approval requirements, bonding, and an annual audit.
8	Clarify voting rights for authorized vacancy appointees and define quorum for the House, board, and Executive Committee.
9	Clarify amendment notice and voting pathways and require board policies to conform to bylaws and House actions.

Proposal numbers follow the original package: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9. This package does not propose regional restructuring, consolidation of communications and promotions, or establishment of a foundation.

How to review

Read the complete amendment text and ballot question for each proposal on the following pages. Consider items 1 and 2 before item 3. Where proposals overlap, their text specifies how other adopted amendments apply.

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Proposal 1 Officer Structure

Ballot question

Shall KANS eliminate the office of First Vice President, formally list President-Elect as an officer, rename Second Vice President as Vice President, and adopt the related duty and reference changes printed below?

YES Approve the amendment printed below.

NO Retain the current bylaw provisions.

Proposed amendment text

Article 4 Section 1 replacement The officers of the association shall consist of President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If the House of Delegates adopts the amendment combining Secretary and Treasurer, Secretary-Treasurer shall replace Secretary and Treasurer in this list as one office.

Article 3 Section 2 B 2 replacement Associate members shall have all privileges of membership except the right to hold the state offices of President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer if that combined office has been established, and the national offices of President and Vice President.

Article 4 Section 5 changes Delete the duties of First Vice President. Add to the duties of President-Elect: "Be responsible for planning the annual convention and delegating convention planning responsibilities." Replace Second Vice President with Vice President throughout the bylaws; retain that office's existing duties except as another adopted amendment expressly changes them.

Article 4 Section 6 changes Replace the first paragraph with: "A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by President-Elect. If both offices are vacant, Vice President shall serve as acting President until the Executive Board fills the presidential vacancy by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting from among eligible members." Delete the paragraph governing a First Vice President vacancy. Retain the remaining vacancy requirements unless another adopted amendment replaces them.

Quorum reference changes In Article 6 Section 6, replace President or First Vice President with President or President-Elect. In Article 7 Section 7 and Article 8 Section 5, replace President or First Vice President or Second Vice President, including equivalent lists, with President, President-Elect, or Vice President. Retain the other quorum components unless the House adopts a separate quorum amendment.

Article 8 Section 3 A replacement Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be at the call of the President or at the request of two voting members of the committee. At least three days' notice shall be given to each committee member.

Effective date This amendment takes effect immediately upon adoption. The current Second Vice President shall continue as Vice President for the remainder of the term. Elimination of First Vice President creates no additional board seat. The upcoming election shall use the amended titles.

Proposal 2 Secretary Treasurer

Ballot question

Shall KANS combine Secretary and Treasurer into one Secretary-Treasurer office, retain the responsibilities of both offices subject to other adopted amendments, and recognize that combined office as one voting seat?

YES Approve the amendment printed below.

NO Retain the current bylaw provisions.

Proposed amendment text

Article 4 Section 1 change Replace Secretary and Treasurer in the officer list with Secretary-Treasurer. The combined position constitutes one office.

Article 4 Section 5 change Replace the separate headings The Secretary shall and The Treasurer shall with one heading, The Secretary-Treasurer shall. Retain all duties currently listed under both headings, subject to any other amendment the House adopts. References within those duties to Treasurer or Secretary shall mean Secretary-Treasurer.

Conforming references Throughout the bylaws, replace references to the state office of Secretary or Treasurer with Secretary-Treasurer. When a list includes both Secretary and Treasurer, substitute Secretary-Treasurer once. This change does not apply to names of national offices or titles of individuals serving another organization.

Article 4 Section 3 C addition Service as Secretary-Treasurer constitutes service in one elected state position and carries one vote in each body in which that officer has voting rights.

Transition The member currently appointed to Secretary-Treasurer shall continue in the combined office for the remainder of the term, subject to the eligibility and removal provisions of these bylaws. The House shall elect one Secretary-Treasurer at the upcoming election. This amendment does not retroactively approve financial transactions or other actions.

Effective date This amendment takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Proposal 3 Succession and terms

Ballot question

Shall KANS clarify automatic succession from President-Elect to President, adopt the term-limit and partial-term rules below, and establish a complete vacancy procedure?

YES Approve the amendment printed below.

NO Retain the current bylaw provisions.

Proposed amendment text

Article 4 Section 3 E replacement No member shall serve more than two counted terms on the Executive Board, except that a member with one prior counted board term may serve one term as President-Elect and the immediately succeeding term as President. No member may use this exception for a second President-Elect and President sequence. Service exceeding one-half of a regular term shall count as one term; service of one-half or less shall not count. For this calculation, a regular term extends between the adjournments of consecutive annual meetings. This calculation applies to prior and future service. All other eligibility requirements remain in force.

Article 4 Section 4 replacement Terms begin at adjournment of the annual meeting at which the House elects officers and directors and end at adjournment of the following annual meeting. President-Elect shall automatically become President at that adjournment without a separate presidential election, subject to continued eligibility. Outgoing officers and directors shall assist their successors through the first scheduled meeting of the new Executive Board. A President-Elect who succeeds to a presidential vacancy before the annual meeting shall complete the unexpired presidential term and the next regular presidential term, subject to continued eligibility; the unexpired service shall count under Section 3 E. A vacancy appointee to President-Elect shall serve through the next annual meeting and shall not automatically succeed to President unless the House confirms that succession by ballot at that meeting.

Article 4 Section 6 replacement President-Elect shall fill a vacancy in President. If both offices are vacant, Vice President shall serve as acting President until the Executive Board fills President by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, within thirty days. If Vice President is vacant, the board shall designate an eligible officer as acting President. If First Vice President remains an authorized office, First Vice President shall act before Second Vice President. The board shall fill any other officer or director vacancy by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting from among eligible members. An appointee serves through the remainder of the term, subject to the President-Elect succession provision. All appointees must satisfy the applicable eligibility requirements. Resignations must be in writing and take effect upon receipt by the KANS office unless the resignation specifies a later date.

Article 5 Section 3 A replacement The House of Delegates shall elect President-Elect and the other officers and directors at each annual convention. President shall assume office through succession under Article 4; the House shall elect President by ballot when no eligible successor exists or when a President-Elect vacancy appointee does not receive House confirmation to succeed. The elected consultant shall be elected only in even-numbered years.

Effective date This amendment takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Proposal 6 Election administration

Ballot question

Shall KANS replace automatic Nominating Committee membership with an impartial Nominations and Elections Committee and adopt the eligibility review and appeal rules below?

YES Approve the amendment printed below.

NO Retain the current bylaw provisions.

Proposed amendment text

Article 5 Section 1 replacement The Executive Board shall appoint three active or associate KANS members to a Nominations and Elections Committee before candidate applications open. The committee shall elect its chair. Members shall not seek election in the election they administer. The board may appoint a nonvoting consultant to advise the committee. A member who intends to become a candidate shall resign from the committee before submitting candidacy materials or consenting to nomination and shall take no further part in election administration. Resignation before candidacy removes the committee-based bar to candidacy; all other eligibility requirements apply. The board shall fill committee vacancies with eligible noncandidates. For the election at which this amendment is adopted, the board shall constitute the committee before further nominations, credential decisions, or balloting.

Article 4 Section 5 changes Delete the Vice President or Second Vice President duties Serve as chairperson of the Tellers and Serve as a member of the Nominations Committee. Add to Article 5 Section 2: "The committee shall appoint impartial tellers who are not candidates in the election they count. Neither President nor President-Elect shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Nominations and Elections Committee." Replace Committee of Nominations, Nominating Committee, Nomination Committee, and Nominations Committee references throughout the bylaws with Nominations and Elections Committee.

Article 4 Sections 3 F and G replacement The Nominations and Elections Committee shall determine candidate eligibility under these bylaws before balloting whenever practicable. Before disqualifying a candidate, it shall provide written reasons and a reasonable opportunity to respond. A candidate may appeal to the House of Delegates before the affected election. If a question arises after election, the Executive Board shall review it, give the member written notice and an opportunity to respond, and refer disputed eligibility to the House at its next meeting. Any decision-maker with a personal conflict shall withdraw from the decision. If the final determination disqualifies an elected member, the office becomes vacant and Article 4 Section 6 governs; the runner-up does not automatically assume office.

Article 5 Section 2 addition The Elections Policy shall specify credential submission, campaign conduct, equal access to official candidate information, complaint procedures, and appeals consistent with these bylaws. No policy may alter eligibility requirements in these bylaws. Retain the remaining duties in Section 2, including the four-week slate publication requirement and floor nomination provisions.

Effective date This amendment takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Proposal 7 Financial administration

Ballot question

Shall KANS authorize a board-appointed Financial Administrator while retaining elected financial accountability, the existing disbursement approval threshold, bonding, and an annual audit?

YES Approve the amendment printed below.

NO Retain the current bylaw provisions.

Proposed amendment text

Article 4 Section 5 financial duties replacement The Secretary-Treasurer, or Treasurer if the combined office has not been established, shall oversee custody of association funds and their deposit in a bank approved by the Executive Board; prepare an itemized proposed budget for board approval four weeks before the annual meeting; prepare an annual written financial report; and submit a financial report to the board monthly and whenever a board member requests one. The officer shall be bonded and shall obtain a certified public accountant, with board approval, to audit the financial records at fiscal year end. The retiring officer shall transfer all funds, vouchers, books, records, and other financial materials to the successor immediately after the annual audit, and shall arrange interim access necessary for continued reporting and controls.

Disbursements of \$150 or less require approval of the Advisor or another Executive Committee member.

Disbursements exceeding \$150 require prior Executive Board approval. The President shall continue to approve expenditures submitted by the responsible financial officer. No person shall act as the sole initiator, approver, and reviewer of the same transaction.

The Executive Board may appoint a Financial Administrator to perform specified banking, bookkeeping, payment processing, reconciliation, and account administration duties under a written Financial Governance Policy and appointment resolution. These documents shall identify delegated duties, access, term, approval limits, reporting, removal, and independent review. Delegation does not relieve the elected financial officer or board of their oversight responsibilities and does not permit the administrator to exceed the approval requirements in these bylaws. The administrative appointment confers no board membership or vote. Any board status the appointee separately holds remains governed by the applicable bylaw provision.

The Financial Administrator shall provide records needed for monthly reports and the annual audit. At least one authorized person who did not initiate or approve a transaction shall review the supporting records and reconciliation. The board shall approve necessary account access and ensure that transitions preserve access to KANS funds and records. The Financial Governance Policy shall conform to these bylaws.

Effective date This amendment takes effect immediately upon adoption. Existing administrative appointments may continue only to the extent their authority conforms to this amendment. Adoption does not retroactively authorize transactions.

Proposal 8 Voting membership and quorum

Ballot question

Shall KANS clarify voting rights for authorized vacancy appointees, preserve nonvoting advisory roles, and replace the House, board, and Executive Committee quorum provisions with the definitions below?

YES Approve the amendment printed below.

NO Retain the current bylaw provisions.

Proposed amendment text

Article 6 Section 2 replacement The House of Delegates shall be the governing body of the association. Between its meetings, the Executive Board shall exercise the authority granted by Article 7, subject to these bylaws and House actions.

Article 6 Section 3 opening provision replacement The voting body shall consist of officers and directors occupying authorized voting seats through election or appointment to a vacancy, and credentialed school constituent delegates. Each voting member shall have one vote on any question or election, even if eligible in more than one capacity. Retain Sections 3 B and C.

Article 7 Section 1 replacement The Executive Board shall consist of officers and directors occupying authorized seats through election or appointment to a vacancy. Each shall have one vote. Consultants shall serve as ex-officio members without a vote. Appointment to an administrative or advisory role does not itself confer a board seat or vote.

Article 6 Section 6 replacement A quorum at the annual meeting shall consist of the President or President-Elect, at least one-half of currently seated voting Executive Board members, at least two-thirds of the credentialed school delegates registered for that annual meeting, and one consultant. If First Vice President remains an authorized office, that officer may satisfy the presiding-officer component when President and President-Elect are absent. The credentials report shall establish the registered school delegate count at the opening of the first business session. The count may change only through an accepted supplemental credentials report. Abstention from a vote does not reduce the quorum requirement.

Article 7 Section 7 replacement A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of currently seated voting board members and one consultant. Vacant seats shall not count in the denominator. President shall preside; in the President's absence, President-Elect shall preside, followed by Vice President. If First Vice President and Second Vice President remain authorized offices, they shall follow President-Elect in that order. If all are absent, the voting members present shall select a chair from among themselves.

Article 8 Sections 1 and 5 replacements Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers occupying authorized seats through election or vacancy appointment and one board-designated consultant. Officers shall vote; the consultant shall not vote. Section 5: A quorum shall consist of a majority of currently seated voting committee members and the designated consultant. Vacant offices shall not count in the denominator. The presiding order shall follow Article 7 Section 7.

Effective date This amendment takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Proposal 9 Amendments and policy authority

Ballot question

Shall KANS expressly distinguish the two amendment pathways and require all board policies to conform to the bylaws and actions of the House of Delegates?

YES Approve the amendment printed below.

NO Retain the current bylaw provisions.

Proposed amendment text

Article 13 Section 1 replacement These bylaws may be amended at an annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting when KANS has sent members written notice of the exact proposed amendment at least twenty-four hours before the annual meeting begins. Each proposal shall identify the article and section affected and the proposed change. The proposer shall submit the proposal to the presiding officer and parliamentarian before consideration.

Article 13 Section 2 replacement When a proposal has not received the advance notice required by Section 1, the House may adopt it at the annual meeting by a ninety percent vote of those present and voting only if the exact proposed amendment has been submitted to the presiding officer and parliamentarian and announced to the House at an earlier session of the same annual meeting. The proposal shall identify the article and section affected and the proposed change. The Bylaws Amendments Policy may establish administrative submission and distribution procedures consistent with these sections; it shall not change their notice requirements, voting thresholds, or the House's amendment authority.

Article 7 Section 8 addition All board policies shall conform to these bylaws and actions of the House of Delegates. The board may adopt, amend, and repeal policies within its delegated authority, but shall not use policy to amend, suspend, or override a bylaw provision or nullify or modify a House action. If a policy conflicts with these bylaws, the bylaws shall control and the board shall bring the policy into conformity. Policy references do not authorize changes to bylaw-defined offices, membership eligibility, voting rights, quorum requirements, term limits, or amendment procedures.

Unchanged provision Article 13 Section 3, governing NSNA conformity amendments, remains in force.

Effective date This amendment takes effect immediately upon adoption. The House shall determine its adoption under the amendment rules in force before this amendment passes; this amendment does not authorize its own adoption under a new procedure.