

**Proposed Amendments to  
Secondary Division Bylaws  
of  
Business Professionals of America, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that the following proposed amendments to the Secondary Division Bylaws shall be considered at the Annual Business Meeting of the Secondary Division at the National Leadership Conference scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2024 in Chicago, IL.

**Amendment 1**

Amend the entirety of the Secondary Division Bylaws with the following changes:

**Current Language**

“national office”

**Proposed Language**

“executive office”

**Rationale**

To align the Secondary Division Bylaws with the Code of Regulations and Policies and Procedures Manual that the officers at the national level are referred to as *Executive Officers* and they hold *executive office*.

## **Amendment 2**

Amend Article VI, Section 2 of the Secondary Division Bylaws with the following changes:

### **Current Language**

#### **ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

##### **Section 2. Campaigning**

Following the approval of the Credentials Review Committee of the Business Professionals of America, Secondary Division to campaign for an office, any candidate found in violation of any rule contained in the Election Handbook shall automatically be disqualified from candidacy.

### **Proposed Language**

#### **ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

##### **Section 2. Campaigning**

Following the approval to campaign for an office, any candidate found in violation of any rule contained in the **Executive Officer Applicant Handbook** shall automatically be disqualified from candidacy.

### **Rationale**

Candidates are reviewed by the Leadership Development Specialist and the Placement Committee, not the *Credentials Review Committee*. Likewise, the *Election Handbook* is the Executive Officer Applicant Handbook.

This change keeps the language's meaning intact while not directly naming who reviews executive officer applications, reducing the number of updates this section requires in the future.

### **Amendment 3**

Amend Article X, Section 1 of the Secondary Division Bylaws with the following changes:

#### **Current Language**

##### **ARTICLE X - MEETINGS**

###### **Section 1. Annual Meeting**

An annual meeting of the Secondary Division shall be held at the National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America. The Board of Trustees of Business Professionals of America, Inc. shall approve the time and place.

#### **Proposed Language**

##### **ARTICLE X - MEETINGS**

###### **Section 1. Annual **Business** Meeting**

**The** annual meeting of the Secondary Division shall be **called the Annual Business Meeting and will be** held at the National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America. The Board of Trustees of Business Professionals of America, Inc. shall approve the time and place.

#### **Rationale**

To align the Secondary Bylaws with all other governing documents that the annual meeting of the Secondary Division shall be the Annual Business Meeting.

Section name change requires the Table of Contents to be updated.

#### **Amendment 4**

Amend Article XV of the Secondary Division Bylaws with the following changes:

#### **Current Language**

##### **ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates at the National Leadership Conference, provided that:

- A.** The amendment has been presented in writing by the State Association proposing the amendment to all State Associations of Business Professionals of America, Secondary Division, the Business Professionals of America Executive Director, and the national Secondary President on or before December 15 preceding the National Leadership Conference.
- B.** The Executive Director and national Secondary President are responsible for making the proposed amendment known immediately to the Executive Council which must consider the proposed amendment during the next meeting.
- C.** The Executive Council has approved the amendment and the Executive Director of Business Professionals of America has presented the proposed amendment to the Board of Trustees of Business Professionals of America, Inc. no less than sixty (60) days prior to the National Leadership Conference.
- D.** The Executive Director has announced its approval by the Executive Council and presentation to the Board of Trustees to each State Association and has posted the proposed amendment on the Business Professionals of America Web site no less than thirty (30) days prior to the National Leadership Conference.

#### **Proposed Language**

##### **ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS**

These **Bylaws** may be amended by a two-thirds (**2/3**) vote of the voting delegates at the **Annual Business Meeting of the Secondary Division**, provided that:

- A.** The amendment has been presented in writing by the State Association proposing the amendment to all State Associations of Business Professionals of America, Secondary Division, the Executive Director **of Business Professionals of America, Inc.**, and the Secondary President on or before December 15 preceding the National Leadership Conference;
- B.** The Executive Director **of Business Professionals of America, Inc.** and Secondary President are responsible for making the proposed amendment known immediately to the Executive Council which must consider the proposed amendment during the next meeting.
- C.** The Executive Council has approved the amendment and the Executive Director of Business Professionals of America, **Inc.** has presented the proposed amendment to the Board of Trustees of Business Professionals of America, Inc. no less than sixty (60) days prior to the National Leadership Conference;
- D.** The Executive Director **of Business Professionals of America, Inc.** has announced its approval by the Executive Council and presentation to the Board of Trustees to each State Association and has posted

the proposed amendment **online for members to review** no less than thirty (30) days prior to the National Leadership Conference.

**Rationale**

- Clarifies that the amendment will be reviewed at the *Annual Business Meeting* of the Secondary Division at the National Leadership Conference.
- Changes the requirement in Section D of the Executive Director having to post the proposed amendment(s) to the BPA website to just *online for members to review* to include all online forums that members utilize, such as the BPA app.
- Removes 'national' from the title of Secondary President.
- Adds *Inc.* to the mentions of BPA for consistency.

**Proposed by:** Business Professionals of America, Massachusetts Association