

1 **Resolution Number:** 400-2020

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3 **Title:** Amendment to the Bylaws, Article IV Governance, Section 2, Board of Trustees

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Governance

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7 **Sponsor(s):** 2019-20 Governance Committee

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9 **Financial Impact:** None

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** Currently, the Editor-in-Chief is the only non-elected student member of  
12 the Board of Trustees. The board believes that as the strategic governing body of the association, all  
13 student leaders of the Board of Trustees should be elected. The Editorial Board is a standing committee  
14 of the association, therefore it's not appropriate or necessary for the operations of the board to have  
15 the chair (Editor-in-Chief) of a standing committee sit on the board. By removing the Editor-in-Chief  
16 from the board, the Editor-in-Chief will be better able to focus on its duties to the editorial board. The  
17 Editor-in-Chief will still have the opportunity to report to the Board at the Spring and Fall Council  
18 Meetings or at any time by board invitation. Furthermore, a board liaison will be appointed to the  
19 editorial board. Therefore, the board strongly recommends a 'Yes' vote.

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21 **Reference Committee Comments:**

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23 **Background:** The Editor in Chief is the only non-elected student member of the board. With the  
24 exception of the Executive Director, the board should be comprised of elected members. The board is  
25 the strategic governing body of the association and is responsible for the administration and  
26 management of the association, therefore it should be comprised of elected members. This will be  
27 effective starting with the 2021-22 leadership cycle.

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## RESOLUTION

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31 **Resolved,** that the Bylaws, Article IV Governance, Section 2, Board of Trustees be amended as follows:

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33 Section 2. Board of Trustees

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35 A. Members

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37 The Board of Trustees consists of the president, the vice presidents, the executive director,  
38 the speaker of the House of Delegates, the immediate past president, ~~the editor-in-chief~~  
39 and district trustees. The executive director, the speaker of the House of Delegates, **and** the  
40 immediate past president ~~and the editor-in-chief~~ are non-voting ex officio members of the  
41 Board of Trustees.

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43 **Action:**