



Pennsylvania - Delaware Chapter
Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of
the Blind and Visually Impaired

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2018 Penn-Del AER Proposed Bylaw Changes

The Board approved the following proposed changes to the Penn-Del AER bylaws which mostly involves the role of the president, the immediate past president and president-elect. We are asking that the president chair the nominating committee, the past president chair the Penn-Del AER Conference planning committee with the president-elect assisting. There are areas in the bylaws that need to be aligned if the proposed bylaws are approved. The Student Scholarship will be moved to Awards and the board will decide the conference location.

Article IV. Officers

Section 4.6. Duties

Section 4.6.1.

1. Current

Section 4.6.1. The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. The President shall be the responsible executive officer and shall administer the affairs of the PennDel AER Chapter between meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint committees, both standing and special, (including their chairpersons) in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws. In cooperation with the Treasurer he or she shall develop an annual budget for the Chapter and present it to the Board of Directors.

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Section 4.6.2.

2. Current

Section 4.6.2. The President-Elect shall serve as assistant to the President and shall preside at meetings of the membership and the Board in the absence of the President. The President-Elect shall serve as co-chairperson of the Conference Committee with the Immediate Past President for planning the annual Chapter conference.

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Section 4.6.5.

3. Current

Section 4.6.5. The Immediate Past President shall serve as chairperson of the Nominating Committee and shall oversee the election of officers and members of the Board of Directors. The Immediate Past President will be responsible for the mentoring of new members to the board of directors. The Immediate Past President shall serve as co-chairperson President-Elect of the Conference Committee for planning the annual Chapter conference.

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Article VI. Annual Penn-Del AER Conference

Section 6.2. Time and Place

4. Current

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Article VII. Nominations and Elections

Section 7.2. Nominations

Section 7.2.1.

5. Current

Section 7.2.1. Upon assuming office, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of the Immediate Past-President and at least two other members.

5 Proposed

Section 7.2.1. Upon assuming office, the President shall **chair and** appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of the Immediate Past-President and at least two other members.

Article X. Committees

Section 10.1. Standing committees

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6. Current

Section 10.1.1. The Nominating Committee shall prepare the slate of nominees for officers and Directors preparatory to elections. It shall consist of at least three persons and shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President.

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Section 10.1.3.

7. Current

Section 10.1.3. The Professional Development Committee shall consist of the following four Sub-Committees: Annual Penn-Del AER Conference, Leadership, Scholarship, and District Meetings. Except for the Annual Penn-Del AER Conference Sub-Committee, the Chair of the Professional Development Committee will appoint three Coordinators for each of the three Sub-Committees. Each Sub-Committee will consist of as many members as necessary to carry out their function.

The Annual Penn-Del AER Conference Sub-Committee will be co-chaired by the Immediate Past President and President-Elect of the Penn-Del AER Chapter. The purpose of this Sub-Committee will be to develop the agenda and organize the annual Chapter conference.

The Leadership Sub-Committee is responsible for fostering leadership opportunities for the members of the Penn-Del AER Chapter.

The Scholarship Sub-Committee is responsible for developing scholarship opportunities for Penn-Del AER members who live or work in Pennsylvania or Delaware and who are enrolled in university personnel preparation programs in a related field of study that addresses the educational and rehabilitation needs of persons with visual impairments.

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Section 10.1.3. The Professional Development Committee shall consist of the following **three** Sub-Committees: Annual Penn-Del AER Conference, Leadership, **Scholarship**, and District Meetings. Except for the Annual Penn-Del AER Conference Sub-Committee, the Chair of the Professional Development Committee will appoint three Coordinators for each of the three Sub-Committees. Each Sub-Committee will consist of as many members as necessary to carry out their function.

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