

March 12, 2001

Dear MSDA Member,

The MSDA board of directors has proposed an amendment to the MSDA by-laws that would lengthen the duration of the board members term of office. The primary reason for the proposed amendment is to ensure continuity in the leadership of the MSDA. Please review the proposed amendment and cast your vote either for or against the amendment, and return your ballot by April 15, 2001. Contact Dr. Nichols at 517-783-4738 or at cindydnichols@hotmail.com if you have any questions about the amendment.

Please keep this page for your reference, and return the ballot to the MSDA's new address as listed on the ballot.

The current section reads as follows:

Section 8.2 Election And Term Of Office. The President-Elect of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Membership at the regular Annual Meeting of the Membership. After serving one year as President-Elect, he automatically becomes President for the succeeding year. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by mail ballot at the regular annual Meeting of the Membership for a three year term. The initial term of the first Secretary/Treasurer shall, however, be for one year. The election of the Officers shall require the majority approval of those members casting a ballot. In the event the Membership is unable to agree on an Officer, the election shall be conducted by the Board whose determination will be final. If the election of Officers shall not be held at such a meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Vacancies may be filled or new office created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each Officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

Proposed Amendment 1: The above paragraph will be replaced by the following:

Section 8.2 Election And Term Of Office.

The President-Elect of the Corporation shall be elected every two years by the Membership at the regular Annual Meeting of the Membership. Ballots are distributed to the Membership via US Mail. After serving two years as President-Elect, he automatically becomes President for the succeeding two years. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by mail ballot at the regular annual Meeting of the Membership for a four year term. The initial term of the first Secretary/Treasurer shall, however, be for one year. The election of the Officers shall require the majority approval of those members casting a ballot. In the event the Membership is unable to agree on an Officer, the election shall be conducted by the Board whose determination will be final. If the election of Officers shall not be held at such a meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Vacancies may be filled or new office created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each Officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

Please sign and return the enclosed ballot to:

Cindy Nichols, Ph.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Michigan Sleep Disorders Association
PO Box 1849
Jackson, MI 40204

I, _____

name (please print or type)

_____ AGREE

_____ DO NOT AGREE

WITH AMENDMENT 1 TO THE MSDA BY-LAWS AS PROPOSED ON MARCH 12, 2001.

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