

## 2011 MSEA Representative Assembly

### **PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT 1:**

#### Article VIII- Representative Assembly

##### Section 1. Powers

The Representative Assembly shall be the primary policy-making body of the Association. It shall:

- a. adopt the general objectives of the Association in the form of resolutions;
- b. adopt the legislative program;
- c. adopt the agenda and rules governing its meetings;
- d. adopt guidelines for nominations and elections;
- e. adopt guidelines for determining the president's compensation;
- f. adopt a two year budget in the spring of the even numbered years;

**G. ACT ON PROPOSALS FROM THE COUNCIL OF THE FUND FOR CHILDREN AND PUBLIC EDUCATION ~~AT THE SPRING REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY~~ FOR ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF U.S. SENATOR, GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL AND COMPTROLLER, AND ENACT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE OFFICES BY A FIFTY-EIGHT (58) PERCENT AFFIRMATIVE VOTE.**

~~**H. ACT ON ANY MOTIONS FOR EARLY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATEWIDE OFFICES AT ITS FALL ANNUAL MEETING AND MAKE ANY SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS BY A FIFTY-EIGHT (58) PERCENT AFFIRMATIVE VOTE;**~~

**I. ACT ON PROPOSALS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATION WITH REGARD TO STATEWIDE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS, ENACTING SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS BY A FIFTY-EIGHT (58) PERCENT AFFIRMATIVE VOTE.**

**J g.** amend the bylaws in accordance with Article XXII;

**K h.** fill vacancies occurring in the office of Vice President, Treasurer and on the Board of Directors; when a vacancy occurs after the fall Representative Assembly, in years when the Representative Assembly is not meeting in the spring, a special election shall be conducted by mail ballot to all Representative Assembly delegates to fill such vacancies for the remainder of the term; and

**L i.** enact such other measures as may be necessary to achieve the objectives of the Association.

*Submitted By: More than the required ten MSEA members. Contact person: Jane Stern (MCEA)*

*Transition: We believe the proposed bylaw amendment should take effect upon adoption by the MSEA RA.*

*Intent: To place in the Bylaws functions of the Representative Assembly which have heretofore been provided for in Board policies, and to add a provision designating the Representative Assembly as the body which will take final action on the Association's position on Maryland State referendum questions.*

*Rationale: Controversial issues are most democratically resolved by the votes of larger governance bodies when it is feasible to do so. Since there is a Spring Representative Assembly in every election year, there will always be an opportunity to have the RA decide these questions as the same meeting where it enacts the biennial Association budget and takes action on recommendations of candidates for statewide office.*