

2026 WAAE Bylaw Changes:

After thorough review of the bylaws we are asking for a approval of a few changes.

1. Article 4 - Officers - Section 6 - Vice Presidents. We need to add the word alternate since it is missing.
2. Article 4 - Officers - Section 10 - No Board of Directors expenses will be paid unless the **Executive** committee gives prior approval. (Justification: What committee? Adding the word Executive)
3. Article 6 - Board of Directors - Section 1 - The WTCS Director of Agriculture & Natural Resources shall also serve as a non-voting member, ex officio member of the WAAE Board of Directors. (Justification: If we have the DPI consultant, why don't we have the WTCS equivalent to also help bridge the gap in our membership?)
4. Article 6 - Board of Directors - Section 4 - Executive Director - A. Shall be selected by a Search and Screen Committee appointed by the President **Executive Committee**. (Should this be the Executive Committee or Past Presidents? So we don't run into the same thing again with the current President applying for this position.)
5. Article 10 - WAAE Standing Rules - II. Facilities and Equipment - Letter A. - A. When a new Executive Director is being hired, the Search and Screen Committee, appointed by the President **Executive Committee**, shall recommend the location and type of facilities best suited for the Executive Director. (Justification: If we change it above then we need to change it here.)