

## NYS Women, Inc. Bylaws

### CURRENT

#### ARTICLE VIII: REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

SECTION 5: Region directors and assistant region directors shall be by ballot at a spring region meeting prior to the annual conference of the state organization. A plurality of all votes cast shall constitute an election.

#### ARTICLE XI: ELECTIONS

SECTION 4: A president-elect, a vice president, a recording secretary and a treasurer shall be elected by ballot at each annual conference. If a president-elect serves the unexpired term of a president, and chooses not to serve her own term, the slate of officers shall include candidates for the office of president.

SECTION 5: A plurality of all votes cast for a given office shall constitute an election.

SECTION 6 : Polls shall be open during the time determined by the executive committee.

### PROPOSED

#### ARTICLE VIII: REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

SECTION 5: Region directors and assistant region directors shall be elected at a spring region meeting prior to the annual conference of the state organization **in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (newly revised) as per the procedures in the Manual of Instruction (MOI)**

#### ARTICLE XI: ELECTIONS

SECTION 4: A president-elect, a vice president, a recording secretary and a treasurer shall be elected at each annual conference **in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (newly revised) as per the procedures in the Manual of Instruction (MOI)**. If a president-elect serves the unexpired term of a president, and chooses not to serve her own term, the slate of officers shall include candidates for the office of president.

SECTION 5: delete

Renumbered SECTION 5: Polls, **if required**, shall be open during the time determined by the executive committee.

### RATIONALE

To change the method of voting from Ballot to Voice or Acclamation

**Robert's Rules of Order**, Chapter XIV Nominations and Elections, describes the Viva-Voce Election and Voting by Acclamation

The viva-voce method of election finds application principally in mass meetings – or when an election is not strongly contested and the bylaws do not require election by ballot.

When there is more than one nominee for a given office in a viva-voce election – or in an election by rising vote or by show of hands - the candidates are voted on in the order in which they were nominated. As soon as one of the nominees receives a majority vote, the chair declares him/her elected.

If only one person is nominated and the bylaws do not require that a ballot vote be taken, the chair, after ensuring that, in fact, no members present wish to make further nominations, simply declares that the nominee is elected, thus effecting the election by unanimous consent or 'acclamation.'