

## **2022-BOD 1. BYLAWS AMENDMENT ARTICLE 5.01**

**Background/Rationale:** PAEA's new core values help to guide decisions not only on what we do but also on how we accomplish advancing our mission. Examining the current bylaws governing the business meeting in light of our core values highlights the need to reconsider when and how we hold the business meeting and the impact on our members of the rules related to participation.

Because the business meeting is held at the Education Forum, attendees must register—and pay—for the Forum to attend the meeting. Neither voting representatives, who are the only members with the right to vote on the Association's position policies and Bylaws amendments, nor faculty and staff have the option to attend the business meeting without registering for the Forum. Many voting members who are unable to attend the Forum in person are forced to designate a proxy to cast their vote. We believe members should not be limited by financial, travel, time commitment, or health and safety concerns to participate in a governance meeting that is their right and responsibility as part of a membership organization. Requiring programs to pay for Forum registration to attend the business meeting is in direct conflict with the organization's core values on justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, sustainability, and well-being. The Board proposes an amendment to the bylaws that allows the Association to carefully consider the potential impact of the business meeting on the membership.

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the following amendment be made to the PAEA Bylaws.

### ARTICLE 5.01 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The Corporation's annual business meeting will take place, ~~at the PAEA Education Forum ("Forum"), or via an electronic platform if external circumstances limit the ability of members to assemble for an onsite meeting plus additional meetings at the Board's discretion,~~ **at a scheduled meeting either (a) in person, (b) via an electronic platform, or (c) by a combination of the two. The Association will publish the date, time, and location of the annual business meeting, including an online meeting, at least 90 days in advance.** Additional membership meetings may be called at the Board's discretion or upon written request filed with the Secretary by ten percent of Member Programs.