

**2017 BYLAW AMENDMENT
PROPOSAL #5**

**ARTICLE XVI
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Section(s) A and C**

1 A. Legislative Council

2 The Legislative Council is the working body of the government relations group of PSE. It is a
3 subordinate unit of PSE and operates under the direction and control of the Board of Directors
4 and is governed by these bylaws. The legislative council provides advice, support and assistance
5 to the Executive Director and is governed by these bylaws. The legislative council provides
6 advice, support and assistance to the Executive Director or his/her designee in identifying issues
7 of concern to Educational Support Professionals and developing positions for presentation to the
8 Board of Directors for adoption. The council develops priorities and strategies to accomplish
9 PSE’s legislative objectives, designs and delivers political education programs, assists Executive
10 Director or his/her designee with coordination of the Legislative Conference, and recommends
11 an annual legislative ~~policy~~ resolution for adoption by the delegates at the annual PSE
12 convention.
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14 C. Legislative Council Chair

15 The legislative council chair shall be appointed by the President in collaboration with and
16 approval of the executive board and shall serve as the legislative liaison to the Board of
17 Directors, along with the Executive Director or his/her designee. The legislative council chair
18 shall provide timely communication of general legislative and regulatory information and the
19 legislative council recommendations to the Board of Directors. The legislative council chair,
20 representing the council, will present the proposed PSE legislative ~~policy~~ resolution to the Board
21 of Directors for their recommendations and will then present it to the delegates at the annual PSE
22 convention for adoption.

RATIONALE: ARTICLE XV COMMITTEES identifies the limitations on the matter of policy and positions of PSE. Policy-making authority and adoption of official positions of PSE is the appropriate responsibility of the Board of Directors. Committees shall not publicly announce a position on any matter purported to be official policy or position of PSE.

ARTICLE V GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS states authority to govern and act on behalf of the membership is vested in an elected Board of Directors who shall set organizational policy.

PSE Policy Manual has policy (3009B1-4) defining the Legislative Council, Legislative Council Financial Procedures, Official Position and Endorsement Procedures, and Legislative Council Education and Training Opportunities. It is clearer to refer to the annual presentation to delegates as the Legislative Floor Resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None Provided

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bylaws and Resolutions Committee: **Do Pass**

Clarifying Rationale for Do Pass: This change clarifies the annual presentation as a resolution and is a more accurate representation of what occurs at the annual PSE convention.

Board of Directors: **Do Pass**

Convention Delegates