

**2017 BYLAW AMENDMENT
PROPOSAL #11**

**ARTICLE VII
EXECUTIVE BOARD
Section A**

1 Officers shall be elected at the annual PSE convention and shall serve in said office from
2 September 1st through August 31st, or until their successors are elected, whichever one is later.
3 Every even-numbered year, the President and Secretary shall be elected for a term of two (2)
4 years. Every odd-numbered year, the Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of
5 two (2) years. No officer shall serve more than ~~two (2)~~ four (4) consecutive terms in the same
6 office. Service of more than twelve (12) months shall be considered one (1) term.

RATIONALE: With the current bylaw limit of two terms of two years and elected official can only be in a role for a maximum of 4 years. This short time limit develops an unnecessary and arbitrarily short term for potential qualified member. The rationale of a term limit is to make sure that there is no long-term status quo in a particular position, 4 years is not enough. The membership, at any point in time, can choose not to re-elect a particular person but it removes the voice of the membership to force someone out after such a short time frame. I think that 8 years allows for more continuity in circumstances that the membership is pleased with service of an officer.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None Provided

SPONSOR: BJ Colvin, Treasurer, Walla Walla, Washington

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bylaws and Resolutions Committee: **Do Pass**

Board of Directors: **Do Pass**

Convention Delegates