

2008 BYLAWS AMENDMENT Proposal #10

ARTICLE X ELECTIONS, FILLING OF VACANCIES AND RECALL PROCEDURES

A. Elections of PSE Officers

- 1 8. Officers shall be elected by the delegates at the annual convention by secret ballot.
2 Delegates to the annual convention shall be provided the names of all candidates who
3 have filed for office at least fifteen (15) working days in advance of the election if such
4 information was not provided in the pre-convention packet. In the event that no
5 candidate for an office receives a majority of the votes cast, the two candidates who
6 receive the most votes will be placed on the ballot for a runoff election. The winning
7 candidate will be the one who receives the majority of votes cast. **In the event that a**
8 **position is not contested, a motion may be made to approve the nominee.**

RATIONALE: *The U.S. Department of Labor Guidelines for union elections allows a motion to approve a slate of candidates if there are no opposing candidates. The Nominating Committee feels this is an efficient way to conduct business and will take up less business time at convention. This will apply to both elections for the Executive Board and for zone directors. Only those with a contested office will hold an actual vote. The information will be added to the standing rules at convention. It is an option and not mandatory. Once the floor nominations for Executive Board offices are closed and there are no opposing candidates, the Nominating Committee chair or any delegate may make a motion to accept the nominees as presented. This does not eliminate the nominating and seconding speeches or the candidate's speech to the convention delegates. At the zone caucuses, the chair of the meeting would announce that since there is only one candidate, that candidate is elected unless the delegates request that an election be held.*

IMPLEMENTATION: This will take effect next year so no candidate is affected this year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

SPONSOR: Nominating Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bylaws and Resolutions Committee: **DO PASS**

Board of Directors: **DO PASS**