

2008 BYLAWS AMENDMENT Proposal #9

ARTICLE X ELECTIONS, FILLING OF VACANCIES AND RECALL PROCEDURES

A. Elections of PSE Officers

- 1 3. Members may nominate themselves or another member for any open PSE office
2 using the Declaration of Intent to Run form. Nominations may be submitted in
3 advance or may be made from the floor at the PSE Convention for executive
4 office and at zone caucus meetings for zone director. Candidates must provide
5 a notarized statement affirming that no funds derived from dues, assessments
6 or the employer are being used to promote their candidacy. As soon as the
7 Declaration of Intent to Run form and notarized statement are received, the
8 information will be posted on the PSE website. If it is received by the
9 publication deadlines, it will be included in the PSE newspaper and convention
10 program. No member shall serve beyond the term limit for the office.

~~3. All such nominations shall be submitted to:~~

~~Public School Employees of Washington/SEIU Local 1948
Attn: Nominating Committee
P. O. Box 798
Auburn, WA 98071-0798~~

~~4. To be included in the official PSE newspaper and/or convention brochure, nominations must:~~
a) ~~Be submitted in writing and received by the publication deadlines for the newspaper and convention brochure.~~

b) ~~Include the candidate's name, address, phone number, office the candidate is seeking, local chapter affiliation, school district employed by, and position held in the school district. A 3 x 5 photo should accompany the nomination. The candidate may include a statement not to exceed two hundred fifty (250) words in length describing their qualifications and why they are seeking the office.~~

~~5. All nominees shall provide a notarized statement affirming that no funds derived from dues, assessments, or the employer are being used to promote the candidacy of the individual.~~

~~6. Nominations may be made from the floor at the annual convention for executive office and at zone caucus meetings for zone director.~~

RATIONALE: *The Nominating Committee wanted to clarify that while PSE basically has a self-nominating system, another member may nominate a candidate. Strictly following Department of Labor Guidelines, PSE is not obligated to have nominations from the floor for the Executive Board. However, the Nominating Committee felt that members wanted to continue that practice. The goal of the committee is to have candidates for the key positions in the organization's governance declare early and make their views and positions known to members. The rest of the changes are to make the language more concise, remove unnecessary language, and update it to reflect current practice. For example, instructions set by the Nominating Committee now include sending information and digital photos in via email. The last sentence was added to clarify that if no one declares, an incumbent who has termed out cannot run.*

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

SPONSOR: Nominating Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bylaws and Resolutions Committee: **DO PASS**

Board of Directors: **DO PASS**