The Proposed changes column shows each section until there are no more changes to that section. Where there is nothing in that column, the committee proposes no changes.
Proposed changes are all in red. Additions are in italics while deletions are crossed out. Simple rearrangements of sections are noted but not marked in red unless modified.

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## Article IX. AAUW-NYS Membership Policy

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Geographical representation should be considered (with an appropriate guide being no more than two members from a branch). The term of service shall be for one year.
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This belongs in Section 1.

The size of the committee was reduced. With the reduction in board size and number of branch members, a smaller nominating committee is more viable and can complete the necessary work.

Now we move to Section 2, the process.

Per Robert's Rules, the committee should put forward THE best candidate.
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b. The Nominating Committee shall select from the applicants one candidate for each office.
c. The board shall receive and approve the recommended slate, if it determines that there are no irregularities in the nominations process and present the slate to each member through the AAUW-NYS newsletter at least 30 days prior to the election.
d. In addition to the nominations presented by the nominations \& elections committee, nominations for board candidates may be made from the membership as part of the election process, with the consent of the nominee. Write-Ins are also allowed.
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$e$. The committee shall also be responsible for the slate for special elections during their term should they be required. They shall work with the board to notify the membership of the schedule for nominations, applications, and election as soon as is practical.

The board must be notified of the slate but cannot reject the committee recommendations.

## Presentation to the membership need not be through the newsletter.

Formalize the process for special elections.
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a. The elected officers shall be elected at a virtual or in-person meeting at which all members may vote in person or electronically.
b. Election shall be by a majority vote of those voting or by a plurality if there are three or more candidates for a position.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office except that of the president or president-elect shall be filled by election by the board of directors. Such a vote may be taken by in person meeting or by electronic meeting. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the president-elect. A vacancy in the office of president-elect shall be filled by specialelection.

## Previously Article XIV, Section

1. Composition.

The Board shall be comprised of the elected officers and appointed members, totaling no more than 10 members.

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Currently the delegate system is being used, so the meeting should reflect that.

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An effort to define the board, clean up the duplication between Articles XII \& XIV and put them in a more logical order.

## ARTICLE XII. Board of

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## Section 1. Officers.

a. The officers for AAUW-NYS shall be president, president-elect, public policy vice president, treasurer, and secretary. The president-elect and public policy vice president are elected in evennumbered years, and the treasurer and secretary are elected in oddnumbered years. The president-elect succeeds to the office of president."

Proviso: To assure compliance with the bylaws during this transition to the new election/officer structure, the current president-elect will become president when the current presidential term ends in June 2022. At that time, a new president-elect will also be elected to fill the vacancy. All other elected officers will continue their terms. In 2023, the public policy vice president would be elected to serve a one-year term, ending in 2024. Thereafter, the public policy vice president would be elected in even-numbered years to serve two-year terms.

## Section 12. Officers.

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Simply define the Executive Committee.

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c. All board members shall serve until a successor has been elected or appointed and assumes office. Term of office shall begin on July 1.
d. The term of each officer shall begin on July 1, however, the incoming or continuing president may call meetings of the incoming executive committee and board of directors prior to July 1 for the purpose of approving appointments and making plans for the coming year. A term shall be defined as a year or more of a full 2-year period. A period of less than one year is not to be considered when counting years of board service.
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even-numbered years to serve twoyear terms.

This allows the new board to begin work as soon as it is elected so there is not a gap in service. Since an officer may have to continue until a successor is elected, this ensures that one person will have a defined term of service.

This is covered in the new "d."
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Previously Article XIV, Section 2.
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Separate section for appointed members of the board.

The elected officers are part of the nominating process.

Sections 4 and 5 moved here from Article XIV - no wording changes.

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all board members and contact person for minutes by June 1.
(4) Ensure that the AAUW-NYS Bylaws are in conformity with the Bylaws of AAUW.
b. AAUW-NYS

Responsibilities:
i. Preside at all meetings of the AAUW-NYS board of directors and executive committee.
ii. Coordinate all task forces created by the Board.
iii. Act as the official representative of AAUW-NYS.
iv. Serve in an advisory capacity to all task forces and committees except the Audit and
(2) Nominating Committees.
i. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office.
ii. Will involve the president-elect in all decisions and actions of the organization, all mission work, and will ensure that the president-elect gains broad management experience.

Section 2. President-Elect
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Renamed to Financial Review Committee since an audit is not required.
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b. The president-elect shall perform all duties of the office, support the president, as delegated by the president and/or the board of directors.
c. Serve as chair of the bylaws committee or task force.

Section 3. Public Policy Vice President.
a. Serve as chair of the AAUW public policy committee.
b. Act as presiding officer in the absence of the president and president-elect.

## Section 4. Secretary.

a. Keep the minutes of the annual meeting and all meetings of the board and executive committee.
b. Provide detailed information on the work and decisions of the annual meeting to all branches.

## Section 5. Treasurer.

a. Oversee the collection of AAUW-NYS dues and other money
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a. Oversee the collection of
and disburse the same upon the order of the AAUW-NYS board of directors or the AAUW-NYS president unless otherwise authorized by the AAUW-NYS board of directors.
b. Prepare the annual budget with review and input from the finance committee for approval by the AAUW-NYS board of directors.
c. Present a draft of the current financial position to the membership at the annual meeting, to the board of directors at each board meeting and to the finance committee upon request.
d. Arrange for a report of the annual financial review to the board of directors at a regularly scheduled meeting.
e. Pay all bills authorized by the budget adopted by the board of directors or approved following board procedures.
f. Prepare the AAUW-NYS Federal tax documents.
g. Prepare all required AAUWNYS New York State Charities
Bureau documents.
h. Serve as chair of the finance committee.

Section 6. Annual Reports. All elected officers and appointed board

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Federal tax documents.
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h. Serve as chair of the finance committee.

Section 6. Annual Reports. All

| members shall submit annual reports <br> to the president to be available on <br> the AAUW-NYS website. |  | elected officers and appointed <br> board members shall submit annual <br> reports to the president to be <br> available on the AAUW-NYS |
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| Section 7. Transition/Transfer of <br> Records/Funds upon Termination of <br> Elected/Appointed Term of Office. <br> All previously elected/appointed <br> board members shall submit, <br> transfer, or deliver records, funds, <br> and documentation to the <br> appropriate incoming <br> officer/appointee on or before July <br> st of the fiscal year in which they <br> will serve, or within 3 days after <br> election, appointment if filling a <br> vacancy during the term. <br> website. |  |  |

Section 2. Powers and Duties. The Executive Committee shall:
a. Act for the board of directors between meetings of the board except for duties specifically delegated to the board of directors by these bylaws. (Article XIV.)
b. Confirm the appointments of chairs of task forces and committees.
c. Provide for an audit or financial review and proper control of funds.

Section 3. Meetings and Quorum
a. Meetings. The executive committee shall meet at the call of the president or three members of the executive committee.
b. Quorum. A quorum shall be a majority of the members of the executive committee.

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Section 2. Duties of the Finance Committee. The finance committee oversees the preparation of the annual budget by the treasurer for presentation to the board of directors and shall advise the board of directors on the administration of all financial matters of AAUW-NYS and the investment of its funds.

Article XVII: Audit Committee

Section 1. Composition. The audit committee is a standing committee of AAUW-NYS and consists of three members of AAUW-NYS to be appointed by the board, not to include the president or treasurer. Geographical representation should be considered with an appropriate guide being no more than two members from the same branch. The audit is to be completed by August 30th.


## Article XVH: Audit Financial Review Committee

Section 1. Composition. The Audit Committee is a standing committee of AAUW NYS and consists of three members of AAUW NYS to be appointed by the beard, not to include the president or treasurer. Geographical representation should be considered with an appropriate guide being no more than two members from the same branch. The board shall annually appoint a Financial Review Committee consisting of two AAUW-NYS members who are not on the board

The composition of the Financial Review committee is defined and a timeframe for notification and follow-up is established.
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Geographical representation should be considered with an appropriate guide being no more than two members from the same branch.

Section 2. Duties of the Finance Committee. The finance committee oversees the preparation of the annual budget by the treasurer for presentation to the board of directors and shall advise the board of directors on the administration of all financial matters of AAUWNYS and the investment of its funds.

## Article XVI: Financial Review

 CommitteeSection 1. Composition.-The board shall annually appoint a Financial Review Committee consisting of two AAUW-NYS members who are not on the board and are not from the same branch. The financial review is to be completed by August 30th.

Section 2. Duties of the Audit Committee. The audit committee oversees the preparation of the annual audit or financial review, which is prepared following all relevant New York State laws for not-for-profit corporations.
> and are not from the same branch The audit financial review is to be completed by August 30th

Section 2. Duties of the Audit
Financial Review Committee. The
Audit Committee oversees the
preparation of the annual audit or
financial review, which is prepared
following all relevant New York State
laws for not for profit corporations.
The Financial Review Committee
shall report its findings to the treasurer, who will present it to the board at the next scheduled board meeting for review and any
appropriate action.

## ARTICLE XVIII. Other

## Committees and Task Forces

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Provisions of these bylaws not governed by the AAUW bylaws may be amended at the AAUWNYS annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided written or electronic notice of approved amendments has been sent to the members at least thirty days prior to the meeting.
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Every board, committee, or task force member shall be indemnified by AAUW-NYS against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon such members of the board or committees in connection with any threatened, pending or
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