

## DEDE Proposed Bylaws Amendments 2025

**Rationale for Proposed Bylaw Amendment 1:** Addition of new, non-voting executive committee position of “Past Chair”. The goal of this amendment is to improve the continuity of DEDE policies and procedures by providing clear avenues for transfer of duties between the former chair and incoming chair. The addition of this position formalizes a long trend of past chairs serving in advisory capacities for new chairs beyond their tenure as chair.

Additions are **bold underlined** and deletions are ~~striketrough~~ text.

### **Proposed New Text:**

#### **“Article VII. Past Chair**

**Following completion of a two-year term the chair shall transition into the position of Past Chair. The Past Chair will serve as a non-voting member of the divisional executive committee in a primarily advisory capacity. The Past Chair will work with the new Chair and incoming Chair-Elect to ensure continuity of leadership, policies, and bylaws.”**

**Rationale for Proposed Bylaw Amendment 2:** Modification of language regarding the requirements for notification of divisional meetings. This amendment reduces the requirement for notification of any DEDE Divisional meeting from 60 days in advance to 14 days in advance. Such a reduction greatly reduces administrative burden on the divisional executive committee, while still providing membership sufficient notice of any planned meetings

### **Proposed Text Changes:**

#### **Article XII. Meetings**

A business meeting of the Division shall be held annually, normally concurrent with meetings of the Society. Notice of this and other meetings shall be sent at least ~~sixty (60)~~ **fourteen (14)** days in advance to all members of the Division.