



**PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS**

**58<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL TEXAS STATE CONVENTION**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS**

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*The Revisions Committee started working on changes that we felt ought to be made to our State Constitution and By-Laws in October of 2015. Although we started with the premise that we would look at the entire Constitution and By-Laws, it quickly became apparent that we would have to choose the most important to recommend changes/clarification to. Please note that there are other areas in our State Constitution and By-Laws that we felt needed clarification, however, after consultation with our State Director, Mrs. Isabel Vezzetti, it was noted that we should try to limit our recommendations to the top three that needed to be clarified/changed. These three are as follows:*

**PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS-CONSTITUION AND BYLAWS**

**Article VI-Officers-Section 5-CONSTITUTION. READS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 5-The officers shall be elected by secret ballot biennially at the regular convention of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas. If there are no nominations from the floor, the secret ballot shall be dispensed with, and the Recording Secretary will cast a written ballot for the entire voting body, thus electing by acclamation. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties immediately following the convention.**

**WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 5-The officers shall be elected by secret ballot biennially at the regular convention of the Pan American Round Tables of Texas. If there is no nomination from the floor, the secret ballot shall be dispensed with, and the Recording Secretary will cast a written ballot for the entire voting body, thus electing by acclamation. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties immediately following the convention. There will be a 30 day transition period following the election of the new officers.**

**BYLAWS OF THE PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS**

**Article I-Duties of Officers—SECTION 8: READS AS FOLLOWS:**

**The Scholarship Chairman shall contact all state-supported Texas universities and colleges for scholarship applicants. She shall send all received applications to her committee members and the Florence Terry Griswold Board of Trustees. She shall notify the scholarship recipients and the State Treasurer, who will make the scholarship payments to the recipient's educational institution. REST OF THIS SECTION 8 IS OK.**

WILL READ AS FOLLOWS: THIS CHANGE WAS TABLED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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BY LAWS—Article I-Duties of Officers—Section 7 READS AS FOLLOWS:

*The Parliamentarian shall see that the proceedings of all State meetings shall be conducted according to the Constitution and Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Version. Parliamentarian shall serve as Chairman of the Revisions Committee and shall furnish each Officer, the Chairmen of each Standing Committee and each Director of member Tables with a corrected copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the State Organization. Any revision to the Constitution and Bylaws of any Texas Table shall be presented to the Texas Parliamentarian for affirmation. Then the Texas Parliamentarian shall submit the revisions to the Alliance Parliamentarian.*

WILL READ:

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THIS CHANGE WAS TABLED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

***PARTT CHANGES***

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***Respectfully submitted for consideration,***

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