

MT 02 – ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS I

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1. Proposed new rules and rule changes shall be submitted to the member's State or Provincial association secretary by September 15.

a. If there is no State or Provincial association where the member lives, the member may submit the proposal to the PITA Governance Committee.

b. By September 30 of the same year, the State or Provincial association board of directors or the Governance Committee will review the proposal and decide whether to advance it to the PITA membership or reject it.

i. If the proposal is rejected by the State or Provincial Association board of directors or the Governance Committee, a detailed statement as to why the proposal was rejected must be presented to the member who proposed the new rule or change.

2. The Governance Committee may submit proposed new rules and rule changes to the PITA Executive Secretary by September 30.

a. Proposed new rules and rule changes submitted by the Governance Committee must:

i. Be approved by a majority vote of the Governance Committee; and

ii. Be signed by the Chairperson of the Governance Committee.

iii. No later than October 15 of the same year, the PITA Executive Secretary shall send copies of all proposed new rules or rule changes to the secretaries of each State or Provincial association and each member of the Governance Committee. All new rules and rule changes proposed by State or provincial associations or by the Governance Committee shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Association by December 31 each year. ~~No later than January 31 of the following year, the Executive Secretary shall send copies of all proposed new rules and/or rule changes to be forwarded to the Secretary of each state and provincial Association and to each member of the PITA Executive Committee.~~

PROPOSED:

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1. Proposed new rules and rule changes shall be submitted to the member's State or Provincial association secretary by **August 15**.

a. If there is no State or Provincial association where the member lives, the member may submit the proposal to the PITA Governance Committee.

b. By **August 31** of the same year, the State or Provincial association board of directors or the Governance Committee will review the proposal and decide whether to advance it to the PITA membership or reject it.

i. If the proposal is rejected by the State or Provincial Association board of directors or the Governance Committee, a detailed statement as to why the proposal was rejected must be presented to the member who proposed the new rule or change.

2. The Governance Committee **or State or Provincial Associations** may submit proposed new rules and rule changes to the PITA Executive Secretary by **September 1**.

a. Proposed new rules and rule changes submitted by the Governance Committee must:

i. Be approved by a majority vote of the Governance Committee; and

ii. Be signed by the Chairperson of the Governance Committee.

iii. No later than **September 14**, of the same year, the PITA Executive Secretary shall send copies of all proposed new rules or rule changes to the secretaries of each State or Provincial association and each member of the Governance Committee.

REASON:

This conforms the rule-change calendar to the September 1 target year and Because the target year now begins September 1, proposals must be submitted, reviewed, and distributed before it begins, so the deadlines are moved earlier accordingly. It also removes the later December 31 / January 31 submission-and-distribution round, which is was suppose to have been removed under the previous rule change.