

# Constitutional Amendment\_Article VI\_Officer Duties and Authority

## ARTICLE VI

### Officer Duties and Authority

**Section 1.** The officers shall be a President, three (3) Regional Vice Presidents, seven (7) council Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer elected from among the active membership by the delegates to the Convention. All officers must be in good standing.

**Section 2.** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the State Federation and must be a member in good standing pursuant to Article III, Section 1 (Active Employee Membership) at the time of their initial election. The President shall preside at each Convention. The President shall administer all of the affairs of the State Federation and put into effect the policies of the State Federation as determined by the Executive Board and the Convention and shall act as a delegate for the AFT-Wisconsin to AFT Conventions and to Conventions of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO.

**Section 3.** At the post-convention Executive Board meeting, the board shall appoint a board member to serve as Senior Vice President should the president be unavailable or leave office. The Senior Vice President shall act as presiding officer in the absence of the President and shall succeed to the office of President for the duration of the unexpired term in the event of death, resignation, or termination of active membership in the State Federation by the President. The Senior Vice President shall also serve as an alternate to AFT Conventions and Wisconsin AFL-CIO Conventions.

**Section 4.** The duties of the other officers shall be those usual to their respective offices and also any additional duties as delegated by the President.

**Section 5.** All officers shall serve a two-year term concluding after the adjournment of the Convention at which their successors have been elected.

**Section 6.** Officers may be removed from office as provided in Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

**Section 7.** In the event of death, resignation, termination of active membership in the State Federation, or removal from office of:

(a) the Secretary or Treasurer, the Executive Board shall elect one of the Regional or Council Vice Presidents to fill the office for the duration of the unexpired term.

(b) a Regional Vice President, the President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, a new Regional Vice President to serve out the duration of the unexpired term.

(c) a council Vice President, the governing body of the appropriate council shall appoint a new council Vice President to serve out the unexpired term as a council Vice President.

**Section 8.** No staff of AFT-Wisconsin or the American Federation of Teachers shall be an officer of AFT-Wisconsin.

Submitted by the AFTW Executive Board

The AFTW Executive Board recommends adoption.

White Paper: Changes to Article VI revision clarifies that the President must be an Active Member as defined in Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution at the time of their election.

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