Proposed changes to NMRT Bylaws
Accepted by NMRT membership on 4/6/17

Proposal 1:
Purpose of change is to create 2-year terms of NMRT officers so that officers are not leaving their positions as soon as they have become comfortable in them.

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Article VI, Section 2 . . . Terms of office shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

Proposal 2:
Purpose of the following changes is to allow electronic voting on NMRT issues.

Proposed change:
Add an Article VI, Section 3. In the event that there are no nominees at the TLA Annual Conference Business Meeting, nominations and voting may take place electronically. If there are no nominees, the Chair will take nominations for two weeks after the adjournment of the annual business meeting. A 10-day notice shall be given to the membership about the nominees for each office and the voting period to cast a vote for a nominee for each office.

Add to Article XII. Amendment of Bylaws. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of those members present at the annual business meeting or any called meeting or by a majority of members participating through an electronic survey. For an electronic vote, proposals will be distributed to the membership accompanied by a rationale for the proposed changes. Two weeks of discussion will follow, after which the proposal will be open for voting for 10 days. The proposal is accepted if a majority of those members participating vote in favor of the amendment.