

**NAMI San Antonio
By Law Revisions for 2018**

Bylaw Revision Justification:

Increasing the number of possible board members will allow the board to ensure diverse representation and provide an adequate number of board members to perform the work of the board.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5.1 Composition The Board of Directors ~~shall be composed of fifteen~~ shall not exceed twenty-one directors. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors shall be persons who have or have had mental illness, or who are the parents or other relatives, including civil partners, of persons who have or have had mental illness pursuant to NAMI bylaws.

Bylaw Revision Justification:

This provision has proven not to be workable or necessary and should be removed.

~~**Section 5.5 Confidentiality Policy** Directors and employees of NAMI SA may not disclose, divulge, or make accessible confidential information belonging to, or obtained through their affiliation with NAMI SA to any person, including relatives, friends, and business and professional associates, other than to persons who have a legitimate need for such information and to whom NAMI SA has authorized disclosure by majority vote of the Board of Directors.~~

~~5.5.1 Board directors and employees shall use confidential information solely for the purpose of performing services as a Board member or an employee for NAMI SA.~~

~~5.5.2 This policy is not intended to prevent disclosure where disclosure is required by law.~~

~~5.5.3 At the end of or termination of a board member's term or employee's employment, he or she shall return, at the request of NAMI SA, all documents, papers, and other materials, regardless of medium, that may contain or be derived from confidential information in his or her possession.~~

All of the following sections with ARTICLE V must be renumbered.

Bylaw Revision Justification:

The method by which the Nominating Committee is selected by the board is vague; i.e., it does not indicate who makes the initial motion to form the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE VI-NOMINATING COMMITTEE

6.1.1. Composition The Nominating Committee shall be appointed selected by the Immediate Past Board President and presented to by the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three members including the Immediate Past President, one being from the Board of Directors and one from the general membership. If the Immediate Past President is unavailable the Board President shall serve in his capacity.

Bylaw Revision Justification:

The call for Board member nominations is currently July 1. Since the election of board members has been moved to November, it would be better to move the call for nominations to August 1.

Section 6.1.2. Duties The nominating committee shall:

- a. Issue a call for nominations for the Board of Directors no later than ~~July~~ August 1 that may include a brief description of the areas of need in the composition of the Board in terms of expertise, and experience of diversity.

Bylaw Revision Justification:

The by-laws do not currently specify a procedure by which the board officers are nominated.

Section 6.1.2. Duties The nominating committee shall:

- g. Meet after the election of new board members and before the first board meeting of the following year to nominate board officers for the following year.