Recommended By-law Changes

The Office of Special Education is requesting consideration of changes to the by-laws of the Special Education Advisory Panel. The recommended changes would require new elections for officers and the executive committee members every two years rather than every year. There would be no change to duties and responsibilities. Currently officers and executive committee members hold office for a year which is essentially four meetings. The change would provide for more intentional continuity of the officers and executive committee. There are also a couple of recommended wording edits to the by-laws.

Below is the current language followed by the recommended change. The process for changing by-laws requires a discussion at the March meeting and, if agreeable with the majority present, a vote at the June meeting. If approved, officers and executive committee members elected at the June meeting would begin their first year under the adopted change to the by-laws.

ARTICLE IV
Officers

CURRENT LANGUAGE
Section II. The officers shall be elected by majority of the members present and voting. Such elections shall be conducted annually during the June meeting of each year. Officers may be elected to successive terms.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE
Section II. The officers shall be elected by majority of the members present and voting. Such elections shall be conducted annually every two years during the June meeting of each year. Officers may be elected to successive terms.

ARTICLE VI
Executive Committee

CURRENT LANGUAGE
Section VI. The at large members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the annual election of officers (regular June meeting). In the case of a vacancy, the chairperson shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a member to fill the vacancy. Such interim member shall fill that position until the next annual elections where upon they could be elected.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE
Section VI. The at large members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the annual election of officers (regular June meeting) every two years using the schedule of election of officers. In the case of a vacancy, the chairperson shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a member to fill the vacancy. Such interim member shall fill that position until the next annual elections where upon they could be elected.
ARTICLE III
Membership

CURRENT LANGUAGE
Section I. The Missouri Special Education Advisory Panel members shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Education to serve at his discretion.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE
Section I. The Missouri Special Education Advisory Panel members shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Education to serve at his/her discretion.

ARTICLE VI
Executive Committee

CURRENT LANGUAGE
Section IV. The Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Special Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall serve as an ex officio member of the executive committee.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE
Section IV. The Assistant Commissioner of the Division Office of Special Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall serve as an ex officio member of the executive committee.