Amendment 7

Rationale for amendment: Allows INA to hold elections at anytime of the year, yet still providing adequate notice to members of the slate and voting prior to the Annual Membership Assembly. Provides clarity on when positions are up for election.

Proposed deletions are indicated with a strikethrough and additions are indicated in red font.

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ARTICLE	IX –NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS	ARTICLE IX –NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
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- D. In order to elect the President and President-elect as a representative to ANA, it is necessary to vote for President/President-elect representative to ANA as a combined position, which requires that such nominees be dual INA/ANA members.
- E. A plurality vote shall constitute an election. In case of a tie, the choice shall be determined by lot.
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- G. All ballots and other record of the election shall be preserved for one year after the election.
- H. When an elected representative is unable to attend the ANA Membership Assembly or successor, the alternates in rank order of the highest number of votes received shall serve. The alternate shall continue to serve as the representative in subsequent ANA Membership Assembly or successor. If the alternate is unable to serve in the subsequent Membership Assembly or successor; the next ranking alternate shall serve

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Section 1. Nominations

- Candidates for office shall meet established qualifications and shall consent to serve if elected.
- Members who meet the established qualifications for an elected office may notify the Nominations Committee, in writing per board policy, of their consent to serve.

Section 2. Elections

- Elections shall be held annually and shall be by secret ballot according to Iowa Nurses Association policies and procedures. Members will vote by electronic ballot.
- 2. Slate of candidates is to be made available to the membership fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the ballot being sent.
- 3. Ballot to be sent out thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Iowa Nurses Association Membership Assembly.
- 4. A plurality vote shall constitute an election. In case of a tie, the choice shall be by lot.
- 5. Election results are presented at Iowa Nurses Association Membership Assembly by the nominating committee chair or designee.
- 6. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the Iowa Nurses Association Membership Assembly.
- 7. Officers and Directors shall be elected as follows by the members to serve for two years or until their successors are elected:
 - i. President-Elect, in odd years
 - ii. Secretary, in even years
 - iii. Treasurer, in even years

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	iv. Two Directors, in even years
	v. Two Directors, in odd years
	vi. Newly Licensed Director, in odd years
	vii. ANA Membership Assembly Representative, in odd years
	viii. Region Liaison-Ex officio, in even years
	INF Chair-Ex officio, in even year