Proposal to Amend Bylaws Article IX, Amendments, Section 1

The Executive Committee of the TS-RACS is submitting a proposal to amend Article IX, Amendments, Section 1 of the current approved Bylaws.

**Current Bylaw Article IX, Amendments, Section 1:**

These articles may not be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at regularly called meetings, and further provided that the proposed alteration or amendment will have been moved and seconded at the previous regular meeting, and that printed copies of the suggested alteration or amendment shall have been circulated among the members, and that the members shall have been specifically advised that such alteration or amendment will be voted upon.

**Proposed Amendment:**

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**Rationale for Amendment:**

Current bylaw stipulations for amendment change proposals, review, and voting prevent the association from proposing and implementing necessary changes in a timely fashion. Allowing for electronic communication and voting will enable the TS-RACS to respond appropriately to changes within the realm of thoracic surgery resident education.

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