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Proposal for Revision of the PCA Bylaws

Article II

Section 2 – Types of Membership

Rationale: In light of current technological advances, students are able to live in Pennsylvania and pursue their counseling degree through accredited online programs. Currently, the Student membership category is written in such a way that precludes those students from joining PCA, even though they will pursue their practice and license in our state. The membership chair was directed by PCA's President to propose a bylaws change that would allow PCA student membership status for those students in online degree programs.

Proposal: The membership committee proposes the following change to the Student membership category and description: The italicized section indicated the proposed change.

Student Member: Individuals who are attending an institution of higher education in the State of Pennsylvania as a graduate student preparing for professional counseling or a closely related profession--psychology, social work, medicine (psychiatry), nursing (psychiatric nursing); *or, Individuals who live in Pennsylvania and are attending an institution of higher education online as a graduate student preparing for professional counseling or a closely related profession;* Student members have the same rights as Professional members; Student membership status shall not be extended beyond three years, requires at least ½ time enrollment, and the verification of an academic advisor.