

Proposed Bylaws Amendments for 2017 Congregational Meeting

1. **ARTICLE IV, Section 4**, “Any member may withdraw or transfer ~~his or her~~their membership at any time by notifying a ~~n officer-member~~ of the Fellowship staff in writing.”

Explanation of amendment: Updated to be consistent with current practice.

2. **ARTICLE VIII, Section 2, A**, “The Governing Board shall be responsible for the health of the entire Fellowship. To this end, the Governing Board shall:
 1. Ensure that the Fellowship has ~~an~~ up-to-date Mission, Vision, mission, and plan~~Ends Statements.~~”

Explanation of amendment: Updated to be consistent with current practice and terminology.

3. **ARTICLE IX, Section 4, A and D**

A. When a vacancy occurs, the Leadership Development Committee shall submit to the Governing Board the name of a candidate to fill the vacancy. The Governing Board shall appoint the candidate to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting. An election will be held at the Annual Meeting to fill unexpired terms. A partial term will count as the first term for purposes of term limits.

~~D. When a vacancy occurs, the Leadership Development Committee shall submit to the Governing Board the name of a candidate to fill the vacancy. The Governing Board shall appoint the candidate to fill the vacancy until an election is held at the next Annual Meeting to fill the unexpired term. A partial term will count as the first term for purposes of term limits.~~

Explanation of amendment: All but the last sentence of paragraph D was redundant, so paragraph D was deleted, and the last sentence was moved to paragraph A.

4. **ARTICLE X, Section 1, A**, “The Leadership Development Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of four (4) people, elected ~~with two (2) alternates~~ at the Annual Meeting to serve in the subsequent fiscal year. Nominations for this committee may be made by the current Leadership Committee or from the floor. Committee members shall be elected to 2-year, rotating terms and shall serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.”

Explanation of amendment: Changed per recommendation of Leadership Development Committee to eliminate alternates. Elected alternates might not accept other volunteer roles while waiting to be called up. “Minimum of” wording preserves flexibility.

5. **ARTICLE X, Section 2, A**, “The Planned Giving Committee shall be comprised of ~~five (5)~~a minimum of four (4) elected members of the Fellowship. One (1) of the elected members may be a current Governing Board member, in addition to the treasurer who shall serve as an ex-officio voting member of the committee; ~~no more than two (2) shall be current Governing Board members~~. Committee members shall serve three-year rotating terms, and there shall be a limit of two (2) consecutive terms. In the event of a vacancy, the Governing Board may appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting. ~~The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member.”~~

Explanation of amendment: Changed per recommendation of Leadership Development Committee. The change from five members to a minimum of four is intended to make wise use of volunteer resources and enable greater ease of scheduling.

6. **ARTICLE X, Section 3, A and B** will be struck from the Bylaws.
- ~~A. The Governing Board shall appoint a Planning Committee to gather information, review, and make recommendations regarding the Fellowship’s vision, mission, and five-year plan.~~
- ~~B. The Planning Committee shall regularly recommend revisions to the long-range plan at Annual Meetings of the Fellowship. The Committee shall engage in a comprehensive planning process at least every five (5) years.~~

Explanation of amendment: Dissolve Planning (Crystal Ball) Committee. This is the work of the Governing Board as articulated under Article VIII, Section 2, Responsibilities.

7. **ARTICLE XI, Section 2, B**, “The Executive Team shall monitor progress toward achieving the Mission, Vision, and ~~plans~~Ends Statements of the Fellowship and shall regularly report their findings to the Governing Board.”

Explanation of amendment: Updated to be consistent with current practice and terminology.