

Bylaw amendments proposed for the March 16, 2014 Annual Membership Meeting

Article V Meetings

Section 5:01 Annual Meetings

(Subsection) B Written Notice

Written notice stating the date, time, and place of the annual membership meeting will be mailed to all registered members at least ten (10) days before any membership meeting.

Written notice constitutes posted mail to the last known mailing address made available to Unity Village Chapel or electronic mail (email) to the last known email address made available to Unity Village Chapel.

This amendment to the bylaws adds language (in italics) that provides that notification of the Annual Membership Meeting can include either posted mail or email as a valid notification. Rationale:

- Using an email delivery system is an eco-friendly practice
 - Many people prefer email notification over posted mail
 - Unity Village Chapel has the expertise and technology available to create and manage a registered member distribution list that can distinguish those members who have provided email addresses and those who have not.
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Article VI Board of Trustees

Section 6.10 Nomination and Election

(Subsection) C Nomination Procedure The presiding officer of the annual membership meeting shall:

~~3 Call for additional nominations from the floor.~~ All nominees, ~~no matter how nominated,~~ must be pre-qualified, in accordance to Section 6.10(A), by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting.

This amendment to the bylaws eliminates language calling for nominations from the floor at the Annual Membership Meeting. Rationale:

- The language of this section calls for a process that is not functional. Candidates for the Board cannot both be nominated from the floor at the Annual Membership Meeting and be pre-qualified 10 days prior to the meeting.
- The process for members to submit for candidacy allows members ample time for prayer, contemplation and submission of an application for candidacy. A nomination made at the annual meeting calls into question whether such a candidate, who has not submitted themselves to this process, would be a credible choice for Board membership.
- The time needed to be allotted to certify that a nominee for candidacy, made from the floor, can be a qualified candidate would cause a significant delay in the election process at the Annual Membership Meeting .