

Board Recommended Bylaws Amendments. Rev 02:2017.10.19

Item	Article, Section	Title	Change	Explanation/Notes	
	Historical Covenant				
	Mission Statement	Mission Statement	adds Mission Statement to accompany the historical covenant.	Has no effect on the Bylaws themselves, but establishes the purpose of the church and is a reference point. (and gives a bit of balance to the Ames Covenant)	
	Article II, [Sec. 1]	Form and Principal Structure	moves from “alliance” with UUA to “membership”- covers successor organizations		
	Article II, Sec 2 - added	Form and Principal Structure	Adds “affirm and promote full participation”		
	Article III [added]	Governance	Adds an article on governance to the Bylaws	Currently, there is no statement defining how the affairs of the church are governed in the current version of the Bylaws	
	Article IV [was III], Sec 1	Membership	adds age and alignment with church values to who may be member. Also opens membership to those under 18 who have completed Coming of Age.		
	Article IV, Sec 2	Membership	adds pledge or ministerial waiver to membership requirement		
	Article IV, Sec 3	Voting Membership	Adds voting requirement of having signed book by “date of record”	the “date of record” is defined later as the last Sunday of the month preceding the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting	
	Article IV, Sec 4	Membership	Small changes to removing member from rolls		
	Article IV, Sec 5 (a)	Removing Members	Changes reason for requesting a member to resign from out of agreement with Mission Statement to Out of Covenant	There is provision in current Bylaws for requesting a member to resign; this adds provision for the congregation to remove a member.	
	Article IV, Sec 5, (b)	Actions requiring vote of members		There is provision in current Bylaws for requesting a member to resign; this adds provision for the congregation to remove a member.	

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	Article IV, Sec 6(h)	Actions requiring vote of members	Specifically adds sale, disposal, or encumbrance of real estate	would require a vote of membership to sell or mortgage real estate.	
	Article V [was IV], Section 4.	Special Meetings	Changes from 5 to 20, the percentage of members to call a special meeting	there are two questions here: 1) do we increase the percentage, and 2) if so, to how much.	
	Article V, Sec. 5	Quorum	Changes from 15 to 25, the percentage of members constituting a quorum	there are two questions here: 1) do we increase the percentage, and 2) if so, to how much.	
	Article V, Sec. 6	Majority	Adds separate statement that simple majority is required for matters brought before the meeting.		
	Article V, Sec. 9	Record Date	Changes voting eligibility for annual mtg from last Sunday of month before the meeting, to 30 days	To be consistent with change proposed in Art. IV, Sec. 3	
	Article VI, Trustees, Sec. 1		changes "person" to "person(s)"		
	Article VI, Sec, 1, (b)	Eligibility	Establishes requirements for BOT members		
	Article VI, Sec 1, (e)	Nominating Committee	Establishes Nominating Committee in the Bylaws	The congregation established a Nominating Committee in 2013. One question posed is "Should we really put into the Bylaws a requirement that we didn't fulfill this year? Events this year seem to indicate the Nominating Com isn't that important."	
	Article VI, Sec 1 (g)	Time and Place of Meeting	adds provision that allows BOT to change date of meeting in certain circumstances	Allows for relatively easy change of regular meeting for holidays, etc. and allows BOT to schedule some meetings at alternate days & times	
	Article VI, Sec 1 (h)	Board meetings	establishes Board meetings open to Members & that non Board members may not vote, speak to issues, make motions	Puts into bylaws practices that are already common.	
	Article VI, Sec 1 (k)	Unanimous Consent	adds electronic communication to unanimous consent.	Brings us into the latter quarter of the 20th century	

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	Article IX	Amendments	Adds method by which congregation can amend the ByLaws	Currently, only Board of Trustees can propose Bylaw amendments.	