

ELECTIONS AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE-2019-PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

Submissions for proposed bylaws changes should be sent to the Chair in writing with ample time to review and place on the agenda - one week or more.

Article VI Officers, Section 3 Selection of Officers

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Current Language:

Officers of the Board shall be elected by the Board and shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by **Article XII, Parliamentary Authority**.

The Election and Bylaws Committee shall oversee an election of Officers of the Board through the following process:

- A. Conduct nominations for the various offices.
- B. Conduct a roll-call vote for each office.
- C. Determine and announce the Officers.
- D. Install the newly elected Officers

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

Recommendation:

Selection of Board Officers is done in two occasions 1) following Neighborhood Council Elections at the first Board meeting following the Neighborhood Council Elections and only after the election results have been certified by the Office of City Clerk, 2) when a vacancy in the Office has occurred.

The Department will oversee the Officer election at the first meeting following Neighborhood Council Elections. The Officer positions shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board present at the first meeting following the elections and annually thereafter. In the event that an Officer position becomes vacant, the Chair of the Elections and Bylaws Committee shall conduct the filling of the vacant Officer positions through the following process:

- A. Conduct nominations for the various offices.
- B. Conduct a roll-call vote for each office.
- C. Determine and announce the Officer(s).
- D. Install the newly elected Officer(s).

RATIONALE:

Recommendation reasoning:

At the moment that the Office of the City Clerk certifies the results, the outgoing Board is relieved of their duties, including committees' and its members. It is the duty of the incoming Board to appoint committee membership for the new term. Therefore, the Elections and Bylaws Committee, as mentioned, above does not have the authority to oversee an election of Officers of the Board after a Neighborhood Council Elections. You may want to consider designating the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment as the entity that oversees the election of Board Officers following the election. If an Officer vacancy occurs before the end of the term, the Board may designate the Department or the Chair of the Elections and Bylaws Committee to oversee the election at this time.

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