

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

As currently written:

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(a) Voting Rights and Procedure

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2. No proxy voting shall be allowed. The vote for Officers of the Corporation (Chairperson, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer) shall otherwise be conducted by written ballot as prescribed by the Third Legacy Procedure defined in The A.A. Service Manual.

MOTION TO AMEND OUR CURRENT BYLAWS _ SECTION 2.02 Rights of Members of the Corporation to read: (changes in italics)

2.02. Rights of Members of the Corporation

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1. Each member of the Corporation shall have one (1) vote, *either in person or virtually*, at any corporate meeting that they are designated to attend. The exception is the members of the Board of Directors (who have a vote at Area Assemblies only if fulfilling other positions that do have voting rights).

2. No proxy voting shall be allowed. The vote for Officers of the Corporation (Chairperson, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer) shall otherwise be conducted by written *and/or electronic* ballot as decided by the Board of Directors. *The election procedure will follow the Third Legacy Procedure illustrated in The A.A. Service Manual.*

Background Information:

- The last adoption of Maryland General Service, Inc Bylaws, occurred on December 15, 2018. At that time, we did not anticipate where current technology would lead us.
- Our current Bylaws do not reflect our current practices. Per our current bylaws, virtual attendees do not *technically* have a vote as the Bylaws specifically state one (1) vote **in person**.
- The current Bylaws also state that elections are to be performed using **written** ballots. Even if written ballots are distributed among in person attendees, virtual attendees do not have an opportunity to vote by written ballot.
- Our current Bylaws also state : “as prescribed by the Third Legacy Procedure defined in The A.A. Service Manual”. Reading the text in the Manual, it also states **written** ballots. Changing the wording to “will follow the Third Legacy Procedure **illustrated** in The A.A. Service Manual “ more accurately reflects our current election procedure as the Third Legacy Procedure Flowchart Illustration in Appendix G does not specify written ballots.
- The amendment also specifies the entity that makes the decision on how voting is to be performed at the elections. The Board manages the election, so they should have the authority commensurate with that responsibility. (Concept 10).

This amendment will align our current voting practices with our Bylaws.