

Greater Area Ann Arbor Intergroup - Bylaws Amendment Proposals

June 20, 2020

Intergroup Representatives will present these Proposed Bylaws Amendments to the group they represent, obtaining a group conscience vote “for” or “against” each proposal. At the July 18, 2020 Intergroup Meeting the Intergroup Representative will vote their group’s conscience vote.

Current and Approved GAAAI February 20, 2005 Bylaws

ARTICLE IV – Section 4 – Method of Election

- Reads:**
- A.) Elections shall be held annually at a meeting specified for that purpose.
 - B.) To be eligible for election to the board, nominee must:
 - 1) Meet all qualifications as defined in Article IV - Section 3
 - 2) Understand responsibilities of the position defined in Article IV - Section 6 and as described in the Intergroup job descriptions
 - C.) In order to be elected to membership on the Intergroup Board, a nominee must be present at the election meeting and must receive a majority vote of the IRs voting.

Proposal: Amend the entire wording of Section 4:

Section 4 – Election of Board Members

- A.) A nominating committee may be formed at the discretion of the Intergroup Board 2 months prior to the designated Election Month, as guided by the Annual Activities Calendar in the Intergroup Policy and Procedure Manual. Nominations to the Board may also be made from the floor at the Election Meeting of the designated month, as guided by the Annual Activities Calendar in the Intergroup Policy and Procedure Manual.
 - 1.) To be eligible for election to the Intergroup Board, the nominee(s) must:
 - a.) meet all qualifications as defined in Article IV Section 3 (A.) & (B.)
 - b.) understand the responsibilities of the position(s) as defined in Article IV Section 6.
- B.) It is preferred that Nominees be physically present at the Election Meeting. However, it is acceptable that Nominees be present virtually or by telephone, provided they give advanced notice to the Board.
 - 1.) Notifying a Board member of a Nominee’s absence physically, virtually or telephonically from the Election Meeting is expected prior to the Election Meeting.
- C.) Voting will be by ballot.
 - 1.) For the election, the candidate must receive a majority of the ballots cast by Board members, Committee Chairpersons and Intergroup Representatives (IRs).
 - a.) Voters must be present in person, virtually or telephonically.
 - 2.) One of the 2 Co-Chairpersons will cast a ballot along with the other Board members, Committee Chairpersons and Intergroup Representatives at the Election Meeting.
 - a.) If there is a tie vote, the other Co-Chairperson will cast a ballot to break the tie.

Rationale: The proposed wording clarifies the nomination process, along with the various modality options to be in attendance at an Intergroup Elections Meeting, as well as the specific Voting method.

ARTICLE IV – Section 5 – Term of Office

- Reads:**
- A.) Board members shall be elected to serve for a period of 2 years
 - 1) On even-numbered years, The Chair and Treasurer shall be elected. On the odd-numbered years, the Vice Chair and Secretary shall be elected.
 - 2) Newly elected officers shall begin service at the Intergroup meeting following their election,
 - B.) Board members shall serve no more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office.
 - C.) After an interval of one year, a member may again be eligible for election to their prior office.
 - D.) Upon election to the board, members shall cease to be a representative of their group and that group shall elect a new Intergroup representative.

Proposal: Amend a portion of the wording of Section 5:

Section 5 – Term of Office

- A.) Board members shall be elected to serve for a period of 2 years.
 - 1.) On Even-numbered years, One Co-Chairperson and the Treasurer shall be elected.
 - 2.) On the Odd-numbered years, the Other Co-Chairperson and the Secretary shall be elected.
 - 3.) Newly elected officers shall begin service at the Intergroup meeting following their election.
- B.) Board members shall serve no more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office.
- C.) After an interval of 1 year, a member may again be eligible for election to their prior office.
- D.) Once elected, a Board member or Committee Chairperson may not vote as a group representative at the Intergroup.

Rationale: The proposed wording identifies the service positions of 2 Co-Chairpersons, as well as clarifying that Board Members and Committee Chairpersons may not vote as an Intergroup Representative for a meeting, once they are elected to their service position.

ARTICLE IV – Section 7 – Vacancies and Resignations

- Reads:**
- A.) If a board member is absent from an IG meeting more than 2 times in 12 months, he/she may removed from the position by a majority vote of the ballots cast either at a regular IG meeting or a meeting announced for that purpose.
 - B.) Any board member may resign at any time for any reason by giving the chair of the IG written notice.
 - C.) Any board member of this IG may be removed from the office for due cause by a 2/3 vote of the ballot cast a a regular or special meeting announced for that purpose.

Proposal: Amend the majority of the wording of Section 7:

Section 7 – Vacancies and Resignations

- A.) Any Board member of this Intergroup may be removed from office for due cause by a 2/3 vote of the ballot cast at a regular or special meeting announced for that purpose.
 - 1.) Due cause includes a Board member who is absent from an Intergroup meeting

more than 2 times in 12 months without prior notice and without fulfilling the responsibilities of the service position.

B.) Any Board member may resign at any time by giving one of the Co-Chairpersons of the Intergroup written notice.

Rationale: The proposed wording consolidates the process of removing a member from office for due cause, as well as clarifying the behaviors that defines due cause.