



Overview of Proposed Revisions to the November 2016 By-Laws

For our Assembly Business Session, each revision set will be considered separately. These changes have all been approved by our Administrative Council, and come Recommended for Adoption.

Soon we will have available video explanations of these revisions as well as a full redlined copy of our by-laws at ra.azdisciples.org.

Revision Set #1 **Language revisions**

The revisions in this set are all adjustments in language to reflect current practice. These changes are not functional, meaning they do not add practice or change procedure. Several bring our language in line with denominational language while others reflect available technology.

- *Membership note removed, added participation line—Article I Section B*
- *Voting representatives updated, stated more clearly—Article I Section C*
- *Emergency Assembly changed to Special Assembly—Article I Section G #1 & #2*
- *“Officers” elected with members who are “at large”, stated more clearly - Article II #4*
- *Meeting formats changed to includes not only in person but also video and phone conferencing, and email votes and conversations.*
 - Article I Section G #2
 - Article II #5
 - Article III #6
- *Regional Minister Search added use of the Disciples Executive Search Process*
 - Article VII Section B #2
- *Representative to General Board was changed to Moderator or Vice Moderator*
 - Article VIII Section B
- *Licensed or Licensing changed to Commissioned or Commissioning*
 - Article VI Section B #5
 - Article VII Section A #2

Revision Set #2 **Secretary changed to Corporate Secretary & Term Limit Exception**

The revisions in this set all relate to the elected officer position currently titled “Secretary” and reflect a language change and a functional process change. The language would update the title to “Corporate Secretary” which better reflects the duties and responsibilities of the office. The process change would allow the Corporate Secretary to be elected for more than two consecutive terms if the nominee is a regional staff person.

- Article II #3
- Article IV Section A #1 & #2
- Article IV Section B #3

Revision Set #3 **Staff Relations added as a Ministry Team delineating responsibilities**

The revisions in this set all relate to the formal creation of a staff relations team, defining its responsibilities, authority, and reporting structure.

- Article VI Section D #1-4
- Article VII Section A #3 & #5
- Article VII Section C