

# OA FOOT STEPS NEW BUSINESS MOTION

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## MOTION: Elections of Board Members

Move to amend [OAFS Policy & Procedure Manual](#) {Nov.11 2020} by amending the following.

<b>X. Elections of Board Members</b>	
<b>Section #2. Elected Terms of Board Members</b>	
<b>Section #3. Serving Consecutive Terms</b>	
<b>CURRENT WORDING</b>	<b>PROPOSED WORDING</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nominations must be made from the floor at the time of the election.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. A member may nominate themselves.</li><li>b. All nominations must receive a second.</li></ol></li><li>2. Elections will be held <b>quarterly</b>.</li><li>3. Each Board member is elected for a <b>three (3) month</b> term.</li><li>4. Board members shall serve no more than <b>four (4)</b> consecutive terms in the same position, whenever possible.</li><li>5. After an interval of one (1) year, Board members may again be eligible for election to their prior office.</li><li>6. In the event that there is no candidate for a vacant office, the current officer may serve an additional one (1) month until the next scheduled OAFSVIG business meeting, at which point an additional election will be held to fill the position.</li><li>7. In the case that any officer position becomes vacant between elections, a special business meeting may be called for the purpose of a group conscience to establish an existing OAFSVIG member as a temporary officer in the position until the next scheduled business meeting.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. A person chosen to fill any vacancy on the board shall meet the qualifications as defined in Article IV, Section 3 of the OAFSVIG Bylaws, and Article VIII and IX of this Policy &amp; Procedure Manual.</li></ol></li><li>8. Voting will be by ballot defined as follows for the purpose of Zoom:</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nominations must be made from the floor at the time of the election.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. A member may nominate themselves.</li><li>b. All nominations must receive a second.</li></ol></li><li>2. Elections will be held <b>yearly</b>.</li><li>3. Each Board member is elected for a <b>one-year</b> term.</li><li>4. Board members shall serve no more than <b>two (2)</b> consecutive terms in the same position, whenever possible.</li><li>5. After an interval of one (1) year, Board members may again be eligible for election to their prior office.</li><li>6. In the event that there is no candidate for a vacant office, the current officer may serve an additional one (1) month until the next scheduled OAFSVIG business meeting, at which point an additional election will be held to fill the position.</li><li>7. In the case that any officer position becomes vacant between elections, a special business meeting may be called for the purpose of a group conscience to establish an existing OAFSVIG member as a temporary officer in the position until the next scheduled business meeting.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. A person chosen to fill any vacancy on the board shall meet the qualifications as defined in Article IV, Section 3 of the OAFSVIG Bylaws, and Article VIII and IX of this Policy &amp; Procedure Manual.</li></ol></li><li>8. Voting will be by ballot defined as follows for the purpose of Zoom:</li></ol>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Use of the “polling” function by the Chair or Host of the meeting or, if unavailable;</li> <li>b. “Raised hand” function to be counted for 3 categories for each vote to include “InFavor”, “Against”, “Abstaining”.</li> </ul> <p>9. Candidates must be present for election.</p> <p>10. For election, the candidate must receive a majority vote (more than half) of ballots cast.</p> <p>11. If no candidate receives a majority vote due to a tie, voting will continue until a majority is reached.</p> <p>12. Candidates may remove themselves from the ballot at any time during the election.</p> <p>13. Newly elected officers will begin service immediately following the close of the businessmeeting in which they are elected.</p> <p>14. Upon election to the Board, members shall cease to serve as an IR and/or CC and that meeting and/or committee shall elect a new IR and/or CC.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Use of the “polling” function by the Chair or Host of the meeting or, if unavailable;</li> <li>b. “Raised hand” function to be counted for 3 categories for each vote to include “InFavor”, “Against”, “Abstaining”.</li> </ul> <p><b>9.</b> Candidates must be present for election.</p> <p><b>10.</b> For election, the candidate must receive a majority vote (more than half) of ballots cast.</p> <p><b>11.</b> If no candidate receives a majority vote due to a tie, voting will continue until a majority is reached.</p> <p><b>12.</b> Candidates may remove themselves from the ballot at any time during the election.</p> <p><b>13.</b> Newly elected officers will begin service immediately following the close of the businessmeeting in which they are elected.</p> <p><b>14.</b> Upon election to the Board, members shall cease to serve as an IR and/or CC and that meeting and/or committee shall elect a new IR and/or CC.</p>
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**SUBMITTED BY:** Alix S. - Treasurer

**INTENT:** To ensure the elected officer positions of the OAFS intergroup are better equipped to provide a stable, longer-term, leadership.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** The policy and procedures manual would be amended and uploaded to the website immediately.

**COST:** nil

**PRIMARY PURPOSE:** This amendment to our P&P is to ensure that our growing intergroup remains in the hands of those with a solid recovery base, to allow for continued growth so that we might continue to carry the message of recovery.

**RATIONALE:** The rationale behind this amendment is to continue to walk in the footsteps of those who have gone before us, to bring our operating procedures in line with other intergroups whose officers are normally voted into their positions for a period of at least one year.

**DATE:** July 18<sup>th</sup> 2021