
Bylaws Amendments

**Article XV Section 4:
Filling VP/President-Elect
Vacancies**

May 13th, 2020

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Rationale

Article XV Section 4 was last amended during the 2015-16 council year to prevent competing claims to the presidency during a succession event. Because the clause that added this protection was phrased in the negative, however, its intent was not immediately clear.

This proposal flips the "not" condition around (and further simplifies the language) to make it more obvious what the section is meant to do.

Second Reading of Article XV Section 4

Proposed Language

Section 4. If the office of Vice President/President Elect becomes vacant, a replacement shall be elected by the Councilors. If the vacancy was caused by the previous occupant becoming President in the last six months of the operational year, the replacement Vice President shall not assume the office of President the following year