

Objectives of the 2019 VGEC Bylaws Amendment

1. Improve the nominations process and the board elections:
 - a. Board nominations to be job-focused and less of a popularity contest.
 - b. Nominees don't have to attend the annual conference in order to vote or to be seen.
 - c. In addition to biographies of the nominees being available to all members, a video interview will be available as well.

2. Change the way we vote:
 - a. We promote that voting is a right of membership.
 - b. Presently, the only members who have traveled to the Annual Conference are able to vote, so approximately 10% of the membership votes.
 - c. We want to use an electronic voting system to allow all members to vote on the election of board members and bylaw amendments.

3. Make the Annual Meeting more accessible to all members:
 - a. The Annual Meeting will be live streamed on VergerTV and made available on-demand after the meeting.
 - b. The Annual Election will take place before the Annual Meeting. The election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

4. Clean up typos, inconsistencies, and wording that conflicts with holding elections electronically.