

- A. **Title:** Requested amendment to Article VII – Nominations and Elections, Section 4 of the Council 2021 bylaws.
- B. **Rational:** Article VII – Nominations and Elections, Section 4 needs amendment to allow other members time to approach the Chairman about running for an open board position after the nominations are read but before the nominations are closed. By removing the declaration of a winner when there is only one candidate, we feel it would encourage multiple candidates to apply and allow members to vote. The Governance Committee recommends that we also write up enhanced procedures for the Nominating Committee to encourage multiple nominees for a position (if possible) and allow time for other members to approach the Chairman at the May meeting about an open board position remaining after the nominating committee still has an open position. These two procedures would be maintained by the Executive Committee with other invaluable documents like SOPs and bylaws.
- C. **Current section wording:** Article VII – Nominations and Elections

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- B. express their willingness to serve if elected,
- C. (for Council Officers and Board of Directors nominees present member of the military.

After the final reading of the ballot and all nominations have been made, the presiding officer will close the nominations for that election. In the event that there is only one candidate for a position, the presiding officer may declare that candidate the winner of that position. In the event there are no challengers for each position on the ballot, the presiding officer will declare the winners and an election will not be necessary.

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- D. **Proposed section wording:**

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