

**Resolution for Simplifying and Improving Board of Trustee Elections
At St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation**

Whereas our current system for Board of Trustee elections sometimes leads to the election of the most well-known individuals, not necessarily the most qualified;

Whereas our current system is unlike any other organization within our church, or any Board of Trustee elections in other known United Methodist churches;

Whereas our current system discourages some people from running who would otherwise be highly qualified candidates as Trustees; and

Whereas our current system requires a quorum of at least 100 people for elections, thereby requiring us to hold elections during our worship services, which is disruptive to our worship life and inhospitable to visitors; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation of State College, Pennsylvania amends the corporation by-laws as follows:

Remove Article IV, Section I.

~~A meeting of the members for the election of Trustees shall be held annually on the third Sunday of January of which due notice shall be given the members of the Corporation at least ten (10) days before said meeting. Such notice shall be printed in the Church calendar and announced from the pulpit on two successive Sundays, preceding the date of the meeting.~~

Change Article IV, Sections II and III to Sections I and II, respectively.

Change Article V, Section I from:

~~The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine (9) members of which at least (6) six shall be members of the Corporation. A Class of three members shall be elected each year for a three year term.~~

to:

The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven (7) members of which at least five (5) shall be members of the Corporation. A class of either three (3) or two (2) members shall be elected each year for a three-year term.

Add to Article VIII, Section I, after the last sentence:

Elections of nominated candidates shall occur annually, at the scheduled Church/Charge Conference meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Church/Charge Conference meeting.

Remove Article VIII, Section II

~~Method of nominating Trustees. The Nominating Committee shall place the names of six (6) persons in nomination, in addition to which the names of three (3) other persons may be placed in nomination from the floor.~~

Change Article IX, Section I from:

~~Should a vacancy occur by the resignation, transfer, withdrawal or death of a member of the Board of Trustees, such vacancies shall be filled by election for the unexpired term at a special meeting of the corporation. The Nominating Committee shall nominate two (2) persons for each vacancy and additional nominations may be made from the floor.~~

to:

Should a vacancy occur by the resignation, transfer, withdrawal or death of a member of the Board of Trustees, such vacancies shall be filled by election for the unexpired term at a special meeting of the Church/Charge Conference. The Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership shall nominate the individual(s) for the vacancy, and nominations may also be made from the floor.

This amendment is proposed by the Church Council of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation, by action on September 12, 2018.