Outline of Issue

Recommended Changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section I: Elections and Section J: Referenda

Suggested Motion for the GSA Council:

That the GSA Council, on the unanimous recommendation of the GSA Elections and Referenda Committee, APPROVE recommended changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section I: Elections and Section J: Referenda, as shown in the attached double column document and effective upon approval by GSA Council.

NOTE 1: If these recommended changes are approved, additional sections listed at the end of the double column document will be updated as well.

NOTE 2: The is the first reading of proposed changes to GSA Bylaw, proposed changes to GSA Policy are presented for information. The second reading of proposed changes to GSA Bylaw and approval of proposed changes to GSA Policy will be presented at the October GSA Council meeting.

Background:

The recommended changes have been discussed on 16 April and 22 July by the GSA Elections and Referenda Committee (GSA ERC), following the 2019 GSA General Election. The GSA ERC recommended to GSA Council for approval via email vote on 8 August 2019. The GSA Board reviewed the recommended changes for information and onward transmission to GSA Council at its 21 August 2019 meeting.

Please see the attached draft cover from the GSA ERC Chair to GSA Council for more background information.

Jurisdiction:

Section I: Elections, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Elections and Referenda Committee, Section I.POL.19.4
“The GSA ERC will review GSA Elections and Referenda Bylaw and Policy annually and make any recommendations to GSA Council through the GSA Board.”

Section A: Authority, GSA Bylaw, Authority, Section A.BYL.1.2
“These Bylaws ... may be amended by two two-thirds majority votes of Council held on seven calendar days’ notice of motion and no less than one week apart.”

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section A: Authority, GSA Bylaw, Authority, Section A.BYL.2.2
“GSA Policy is under the jurisdiction of GSA Council (Section C: GSA Council, GSA Bylaw, GSA Council) and may be amended by a simple majority vote of GSA Council at any meeting of GSA Council.”