Outline of Issue

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

Suggested Motion for GSA Council:

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

**NOTE 1:** The is the second reading of recommended changes to GSA Bylaw and first and only reading of recommended changes to GSA Policy. The first reading of recommended changes to GSA Bylaw was approved at the September GSA Council meeting.

**NOTE 2:** If these recommended changes are approved, parallel sections in GSA Bylaw and Policy on referenda will be updated accordingly to ensure alignment.

**Background:**

Several of the recommended changes have been discussed by the GSA Elections and Referenda Committee (GSA ERC) over a period of several years. Additionally, following the 2018 GSA General Election, the GSA ERC met on 27 March, 10 April, 24 April, 9 May, 6 July, 12 July, and 2 August to discuss extensively these issues and others. GSA ERC voted electronically on 9 August to recommend the proposal to GSA Council. GSA ERC members not already on GSA Council are invited to attend these meetings.

On its 29 August 2018 meeting, the GSA Board reviewed and received the recommended changes, for information and onward transmission to GSA Council.

Please see the attached 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.19.3

“The GSA ERC will review GSA Elections and Referenda Bylaw and Policy annually and make any recommendations to GSA Council through the GSA Board.”

GSA Bylaw and Policy, 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.”

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