

**CVUUF Bylaws Revisions
January 2013
Summary of Proposed Changes**

Changes proposed by the Bylaws Reviews Committee and approved by the Board are noted in the following manner on the draft of the proposed Bylaws:

The items to be removed have lines through the text and new items are highlighted in yellow.

There are many minor changes regarding punctuation, grammar and formatting that will be clear without further explanation.

Here are the substantive changes:

Article V - Membership

- The phrase "payment on the pledge" was added to indicate that there must be some follow through on the financial pledge in order for a person to remain a Member. It is not enough just to make the pledge - the pledge must also be in the process of being paid.
- The article about the waiver was added so every member will be aware of the process.
- The "Resignation" and "Termination" sections were reorganized to properly reflect the meaning of each term: a Member initiates "resignation"; the Fellowship leadership initiates "termination".

Article VI - Association Affiliation

- In reality, the process of selecting delegates each year has been different from the stated process. The process outlined in the current Bylaws is unclear and cumbersome. The Bylaws Review Committee suggests revising the Bylaws to give flexibility to the Fellowship leadership to choose a process for each year's specific situation.

Article XIII - Meetings

- In the suggested change responsibility for giving notice of meetings is clearly assigned to the Board.
- References to the Vice President presiding over the Council are removed, as the Vice President no longer sits on the Council.

Article XIV - Requirements for Meetings

- The reference to the Vice President in Section 3 is removed, as the Vice President no longer sits on the Council.

Article XV – Elections

- The Bylaws Review Committee thought that the second sentence in Section 3 is redundant and possibly confusing.

Article XVI - Amendments

- The proposed change allows for the Bylaws to be amended at either a Regular OR Special Fellowship Meeting by a two-thirds majority.
- As the congregation grows the Bylaws Review Committee suggests that the number of signatures required for proposing an amendment be proportional rather than a definite number, hence the change to 10% of the membership rather than just 10 members.
- As previously noted, responsibility for giving notice of meetings is clearly assigned to the Board.
- As the Bylaws Review Committee did not find reference to a mandatory bylaws review process in any of the UUA Breakthrough Congregations' bylaws it reviewed, nor did it find more than one minor reference to such a process in the UUA Bylaws Guidelines ("once per decade"), the Committee concluded that the requirement for the CVUUF Bylaws to be reviewed every two years is unnecessary and possibly just an exercise in looking for problems where none currently exist. Under both Article VIII, Section 2 and Article IX, Section 3, the Board has the power to appoint a Bylaws Review Committee as needed. Members may also propose amendments, as need arises.