

## **Article IX. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

### **Section 1. Elected office: Term length and limits**

- President, Vice President and Secretary
  - are elected for a one (1) year term
  - only be elected to the same position two (2) consecutive times.
- Treasurer
  - is elected for one (1) year term
  - no term limits.
- Trustees
  - are elected for two (2) year terms except when 3 trustees are elected at the same annual meeting. In that case, one of the 3 will be selected using Board procedure, to have a one-year term.
  - can only be elected two (2) consecutive times.
    - If a trustee will not serve the second year of their term, their term will be truncated to a single year.
- Leadership Development Committee
  - are elected for two (2) year terms except when three (3) committee members are elected at the same annual meeting. In that case, one of the three (3) will be selected using Board procedure, to have a one (1) year term.
  - can only be elected two (2) consecutive times.
    - If a committee member will not serve the second year of their term, their term will be truncated to a single year.
- Only Members who are not employees of BBUUC shall hold elected office.
- A Person must be a member for at least a year to run for an elected office.
- Board members shall not be related by blood, marriage, or domestic partnership.
- Terms will begin at the start of the fiscal year (July 1<sup>st</sup>).

### **Section 2. Election Preparation**

- The Leadership Development committee will solicit members to run for office.
- Nominees must be Members, be notified in advance, and consent to having their names placed into nomination.
- In order to be nominated, a member must have one of the following:
  - Support of the Leadership Development committee
  - Signatures of ten (10) members submitted to the Board at least four (4) days before the annual meeting.
- The list of candidates that are known thirty (30) days prior, must be submitted in writing to the congregation at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

### **Section 3. Holding Elections**

- Elections are held at the annual meeting in May.
- The Leadership Development Committee shall place the names in nomination.

- Floor nominations are only allowed for Board officer positions if no one has been nominated for that position before the meeting.
- Floor nominations are only allowed for Trustee or Leadership Development positions if there are unfilled positions after the nominated members are elected.
- If an election is uncontested, the candidate shall be elected by acclamation.
- Contested elections will be voted by secret ballot. The member with majority of the votes wins. If a runoff election is required, Board election procedures will be followed.
- The Board shall approve a procedure, compatible with these Bylaws, that will specify other details of elections.

#### **Section 4. Vacancy in Elected Office**

- If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall assume the office of President.
- If the office of Treasurer becomes vacant, the Finance Chair shall assume the office of Treasurer.
- If any other elected office becomes vacant, the Board will appoint a Member to that position to serve until the end of the current fiscal year.
- A partial term does not count for term limits.