

## Bylaws Proposed Amendment #2

Brackets [~~striketrough~~] are used to indicate text that is removed. ***Bold, italicized, and underlined text*** indicates new text. Line numbers refer to the current bylaws.

Sections 9.5 and 9.6, and Rule G-9.13.7 shall be modified as indicated below:

1102 Section 9.5. Nomination of President and Moderator.

1103 (a) President. The Presidential Search Committee shall submit  
1104 no fewer than two nominations for the office of President for  
1105 an election at the end of a presidential term or for a special  
1106 election. The report of the Presidential Search Committee  
1107 shall be announced by [~~February 1~~] ***November 15*** of the year before the  
1108 General Assembly at which there is to be a presidential  
1109 election, except in the case of a special election, in which  
1110 case the report of the Presidential Search Committee shall be  
1111 announced by December 10 of the year before the election.

1112 (b) Moderator. The Board of Trustees shall submit one or more  
1113 nominations for the office of Moderator for an election at the  
1114 end of a Moderator term or for a special election. The report  
1115 of the Board of Trustees shall be announced by [~~February 1~~] ***November 15*** of  
1116 the year before the General Assembly at which there is to be  
1117 a Moderator election, except in the case of a special election,  
1118 in which case the report of the Board of Trustees shall be  
1119 announced by December 10 of the year before the election.

1120 Section 9.6. Nomination by Petition.

1121 (a) For Moderator and President. A nomination for the office of  
1122 Moderator or President, for a regular or special election, may  
1123 be by petition signed by no fewer than fifty certified member  
1124 congregations, including at least one congregation from three  
1125 of the regions of the Association. A certified member  
1126 congregation may authorize the signing of a petition only by  
1127 vote of its governing board or by vote at a duly called meeting  
1128 of its members. Such a petition shall be filed with the  
1129 Secretary of the Association, only in such form as the  
1130 Secretary may prescribe, not later than February 1 of the  
1131 year of the election and not earlier than the preceding [~~March~~] ***December***  
1132 1.

2535 Rule G-9.13.7. Length of Campaigns for President and  
2536 Moderator.

2537 (a) **Private planning for campaigns** [Campaigns] for President and Moderator,  
**such as strategic, organizational or communications meetings, shall not begin**  
**earlier than October 1** [may appropriately

2538 begin with small campaign committee organizational  
2539 meetings and mass mailing letters no earlier than November 1]  
2540 of the [second] year preceding the election.

2541 (b) Active campaigning, **including public announcements or communication;**  
**virtual or in-person public meetings, rallies, or events;** and solicitation of  
endorsements shall not

2542 begin **until a nomination has been announced or November 15** [prior to January 1]  
of the year preceding these elections.

2543 (c) [No electioneering (defined as publicly announced meetings,  
2544 rallies or exploratory events) of any sort shall occur at the  
2545 General Assembly two years preceding the elections for  
2546 President and Moderator. Private meetings about campaign  
2547 organization that take place outside of General Assembly  
2548 booked meeting spaces are permissible.

**Active campaigning during GA is permitted only during the**  
**General Assembly at which the President or Moderator is elected. Active and**  
**passive campaigning for President or Moderator during any other General**  
**Assembly is prohibited.**

*Rationale: Shorten election campaigns for Moderator and President. Modernize language to  
reflect the realities of campaigning.*