

General Assembly 2018  
Board Statement on Bylaws Amendment: Gender Neutral Language

**Motion Maker:** Moved that the Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Article VIII, Sections 8.3 and 8.11, Article IX, Section 9.9, Article X, Section 10.12, Rule 4.6, and Rule G-9.13.5 to replace he/him/his and she/her hers with they/their/theirs as detailed on pages 78 and 79 of the final agenda [and as amended in mini-assembly] be adopted.

**Moderator:** The motion to adopt the proposed bylaw amendment to replace he/him/his and she/her/hers pronouns with they/them/theirs pronouns has been made and seconded. The chair calls on Sarah Dan Jones, Trustee-At-Large, to make the Board's statement of support for the bylaw amendment.

**Sarah Dan:** As our understanding of gender has evolved, it is necessary to modernize the language of the Bylaws to replace pronouns which limit gender with pronouns that allow for more inclusive interpretations of gender. The Board supports this alteration of the language of our bylaws for the use of gender neutral pronouns.