

Proposed Resolution & Amendment to the By-Laws

RESOLUTION TO MOVE THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER IN 2019

WHEREAS, the St. John's College Alumni Association Board of Directors, in collaboration with the College Alumni Relations Office, has determined that the Alumni Leadership Forum events held annually since 2012 have met the objective of reinvigorating leadership within the alumni community.

WHEREAS, the St. John's College Alumni Association Board of Directors believes that in order to sustain and grow leadership, volunteerism and engagement of all kinds, a different approach is now required.

WHEREAS, the expense of the ALF weekend, both in terms of time and treasure, continues to grow and we wish to model good stewardship of scarce resources.

WHEREAS, the St. John's College Alumni Association Board of Directors has decided to discontinue holding an annual Alumni Leadership Forum weekend and to begin an Alumni Leadership Forum Series, consisting of alumni leadership development meetings and training at Homecoming and during local Chapter meetings. This new model will take advantage of Homecoming's larger attendance for interaction with more alumni and in the case of local Chapter meetings, more alumni can attend leadership training without incurring travel expenses.

WHEREAS, the Association's Annual Meeting and elections have coincided with the June ALF weekend by authority of the Code of Operating Resolutions, the Board has decided to amend the Code of Operating Resolutions to change the timing of the Annual Meeting and elections to coincide with Homecoming. The new provision in the COR, effective 2019, states:

7.1. The Annual Meeting of the Association. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held during the weekend on which Homecoming is held. The location of the Annual Meeting will alternate annually between the Santa Fe and Annapolis campuses, unless special circumstances require a particular location. The location, date, time and proposed duration for the Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee and the Director of Alumni Relations.

WHEREAS, moving the 2019 Annual Meeting and elections from June 2019 to September 2019 will delay elections by three months, affecting the terms of all current officers and directors of the Board, the Board would like the Association to authorize a one-time extension of terms and a one-time deviation from the timing of the Annual Meeting to avoid the expense and inefficiency of holding back to back elections. Terms currently run from July-June. Absent this new provision, the 2019 annual meeting and elections would need to be held in June 2019.

THEREFORE be it resolved that:

The St. John's College Alumni Association, under the authority of **By-Laws Article IX, Section 1. Procedures for Amendment:** "Any and all provisions of these By-Laws may be *altered*, amended, added to, or repealed by the members of the Association," hereby:

Extends the terms of office by three months, from July 1, 2019 to September 30 2019, for all St. John's Alumni Association Officers and Directors in office on June 30, 2019; and
Postpones the Annual Meeting by three months from June 2019 to September 2019.

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws

The Alumni Association By-Laws specify that the terms of office for officers and directors coincide with the fiscal year of the Association which is currently July-June. Changing the timing of the Annual meeting and Elections will result in these no longer aligning with the beginning of the fiscal year. Therefore, we propose the following amendment to the Bylaws:

Current language reads:

"ARTICLE 5 SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICE. Terms of office begin at the beginning of the Association's fiscal year following the elections."

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws:

ARTICLE 5 SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICE. Terms of office begin the first day of the month following the elections.