## 2022 Bylaw Amendment Section 12 – Constitution – Election

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Grand Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of five years, and upon expiration of that term shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. <u>A Trustee who has just completed the remaining year(s) of a vacated term would be eligible for nomination to be elected to a full five-year term.</u>

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Reason: This would allow a Trustee to be able to succeed themselves after full-filling a vacated term.

Proposed by the Grand Trustees:

Grand Trustee

**Grand Trustee** 

Grand Trustee