

Proposed term duration change for Synod Council Youth Members

The proposed change would reduce the term for the Synod Council Youth Member from two years to one year effective with the 2021 election. This is to reflect recent trends in Youth Members only being able to serve one-year of their term prior to entering College. This change would encourage more youth to consider serving on Council as they would be able to fulfil the entire term. Those serving who remain eligible after their one year term has ended would be able to be re-elected for an additional one-year term. This change also clearly defines the age and grade level conditions of the Youth Member position. The language makes both conditions, age and grade level equal and needing to be met at time of election.

Current Bylaw 10.07.02c:

A youth shall be elected to serve a term of two years. The youth member shall not be eligible for reelection as a youth member. Nominees for the youth position shall be no older than a rising eleventh grader at the time of election.

Proposed Bylaw Change 10.07.02c

A youth shall be elected to serve a term of **one year or until successor is elected and takes office. The youth member shall be eligible for reelection as a youth member for one additional term. The youth member shall be a rising ninth to eleventh grader and shall be between the ages of fifteen and seventeen at the time of election.**

Enabling Resolution presented to Assembly:

I move to amend Bylaw S10.07.02.c. by striking the current text and inserting the following: A youth shall be elected to serve a term of one year or until successor is elected and takes office. The youth member shall be eligible for reelection as a youth member for one additional term. The youth member shall be a rising ninth to eleventh grader and shall be between the ages of fifteen and seventeen at the time of election.

Slide to be shown at Assembly with old and new text of Bylaw prior to voting

Bylaw in the Constitution:

S10.07.02.c. A youth shall be elected to serve a term of one year or until successor is elected and takes office. The youth member shall be eligible for reelection as a youth member for one additional term. The youth member shall be a rising ninth to eleventh grader and shall be between the ages of fifteen and seventeen at the time of election.