

University Area Commission – Governance Committee

Agenda -May 3, 2017

According to Article IV Section 7: The Governance Committee shall:

- a. Implement these by laws and elections rules as required;
 - b. Research the effectiveness and applicability of these by laws and make recommendations to the Commission for amendments to the by laws;
 - c. Conduct the orientation of new commissioners;
 - d. Coordinate the internal activities of the Commission.
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Agenda:

1. Discuss proposed change to by laws and election rules proposed by the elections committee to change UAC Elections from 2 days to 1 day
 - **Change the UAC Elections from current 2 days of voting to 1 day**
 - **By laws that are impacted**
 - Article VI Section 1
 - Current: Elections shall be held on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in November and again on the first Saturday in November of each year. All elections shall be secret ballot. Elections shall be determined by plurality vote.
 - Proposed: Elections shall be held on a Saturday between the last week of October and the end of the second week in November. The final date will be set based on method established under Article VI Section 10 of these by laws. Elections shall be determined by plurality vote.
 - Article VI Section 8
 - Current: There shall be a Board of Elections, consisting of five persons appointed by the President *at the June meeting* prior to the next election with the approval of the Commission, none of whom shall be connected in any way with a candidate for the Commission. The Board shall perform all duties set forth in the Election Rules.
 - Article VI Section 10
 - Proposed: The Board of elections shall establish the date of elections for the year within the restrictions set by Article VI Section 1 as part of the Boards report provided to the Commission at the start of the Annual meeting. Upon acceptance of the Boards report the Board will be discharged from its responsibilities.
 - **Election Rules that are impacted**
 - Election Rule 1.1
 - Current: "Board" shall mean the Board of Elections of the University Area Commission. Board membership shall consist of a minimum of five who shall be selected by the President and approved by the Commission at the *regular Commission meeting in June*. Board members may not be candidates for office in the same year. The Board members may elect the Board Chair from Board membership.
 - Election Rule 2.1
 - Current: A Public announcement of the Elections shall be given *within five days of September 1st of each year* by the Board of elections and be available at the North side Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, in a paid newspaper of general circulation and via Internet.
 - Election Rule 2.2
 - Current: Prior to September 1st, the Board shall prepare the following official documents:...

- Election Rule 2.6
 - Current: Candidates may withdraw from the ballot no later than 4:30 pm on the Thursday prior to the first day of elections. Upon notice of a candidate's death or disqualification, the Board shall remove the candidate's name from the ballot.
 - Election Rule 7.1
 - Current: The polls shall be open from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in November. On the first Saturday in November the Polls shall be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.
 - Proposed: Polls shall be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.
 - Election Rule 7.7
 - Current: There must be at least one polling location on each day of voting. Locations and total number of polls are at the discretion of the election Committee.
 - **Standing Rule:**
 - Proposed: In the year 2017 the University Area Commission Elections will be held on November 4, 2017. This will be the only day of elections and this rule will expire at the start of the annual meeting in January 2018, upon which it will be removed from the by laws.
 - Items for discussion and consideration:
 - Should by laws explicitly state the elections cannot occur on a Saturday of a home Ohio State Football game
 - Should Election rule 7.7 be changed to reflect a minimum of two polling locations as discussed in the April Committee meeting, or does existing language meet the concerns raised?
2. Discuss changing the name of "The Environment & Code Enforcement Committee" as described in Article V Section 6
 3. Discuss language to eliminate not have a quorum at the annual meeting by inserting language for how a quorum is calculated at the annual meeting. Article II, Section 3.

Committee Members 2017 Commission Year

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Excused
Doreen Uhas-Sauer			
Lauren Squires			
Steve Volkmann			
Omar Elhagmusa			
Alex Wesaw			
David Hegley			

Note: Agenda subject to change