

Area 75 Proposal Form **Date: 12/17/11**
Used for Documenting Proposals for Consideration by Area 75

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What is your proposal?: If there is only one candidate for any elected position at the Area 75 elections, there will be an election by secret ballot. Electors will be asked to vote yes or no. The single candidate will only be elected if a minimum of two thirds of the voting assembly vote yes, that is to say, if there is a vote of substantial unanimity (66 2/3%). If the candidate fails to obtain substantial unanimity (66 2/3%), the position will remain open. In the event that no candidate is elected, the area chair has the authority to appoint an interim officer who will serve until an election can be held and a candidate is elected. An election to fill the position in question cannot occur until the next regularly scheduled Area 75 Assembly.

How did this proposal originate?: Discussion on this issue occurred at the Agenda Committee meeting held in the summer of 2011. This proposal resulted from that discussion.

List any supporting documentation or background material attached to this proposal (if any):
The candidates for every position except delegate in the last election cycle ran unopposed and were elected without written ballots.

List the primary benefits of your proposal to the area. What will happen if we adopt this proposal?

Currently, a candidate running unopposed is considered to be "elected by affirmation" without the benefit of ballots actually being cast by the electorate. If the proposal is adopted, the area will not have to accept a candidate who was not elected by substantial unanimity. An elected candidate would have the confidence of knowing they had actually been elected.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted? Candidates will continue to be elected by affirmation (default) without an actual election by substantial unanimity.

Estimate any costs to the area. Outline where funding would come from. Explain whether this is a one-time or ongoing expense.

None.

Final comments (optional):