

## BYLAWS LANGUAGE

### Proposed Bylaws Amendments:

#### X.2 Election of Moderator and Vice Moderator

- a. The presbytery shall elect a Vice Moderator annually at the Annual Meeting.
- b. The Vice Moderator shall be elected by a simple majority of those present and voting at a duly called meeting of the presbytery.
- c. The Vice Moderator shall automatically succeed to the office of Moderator at the conclusion of the Moderator's term, without further election, unless the Vice Moderator is unable or unwilling to serve.
- d. The term of office for the Moderator shall be one (1) year.

#### X.3 Succession and Continuity of Leadership

- a. Upon installation of the incoming Moderator, the outgoing Moderator shall serve for one (1) year as Chair of the Coordinating Commission (COORD), unless otherwise determined by the presbytery.
- b. This succession model is intended to promote leadership continuity, institutional memory, and effective coordination among presbytery leadership bodies.

#### X.4 Failure to Elect or Vacancy

- a. If, for any reason, the presbytery is unable to elect a Vice Moderator at the Annual Meeting, the election shall take place at the next stated meeting of the presbytery.
- b. Until such election occurs, the current officers shall continue to serve in their respective roles.
- c. In the event the Vice Moderator is unable or unwilling to succeed to the office of Moderator, the presbytery shall elect a Moderator by simple majority at the next duly called meeting.

## STANDING RULE LANGUAGE

### Standing Rules of the Presbytery

## Election of Officers

### SR X. Election Procedures for Presbytery Officers

#### SR X.1 Nominations

- a. Nominations for the office of Vice Moderator shall be made by a Nominating Committee appointed by the presbytery or as otherwise provided by Standing Rules.
- b. Nominations from the floor shall be permitted at the time of election, provided the nominee has given prior consent to serve.
- c. The Nominating Committee shall present its nomination(s) to the presbytery in writing prior to the election when practicable.

#### SR X.2 Election Process

- a. The election of the Vice Moderator shall take place at the Annual Meeting of the presbytery.
- b. Elections shall be conducted by ballot unless the presbytery votes to elect by voice vote or acclamation when there is a single nominee.
- c. A simple majority of those present and voting shall be required for election.

#### SR X.3 Installation and Assumption of Office

- a. The Vice Moderator shall assume office immediately upon election and installation.
- b. The Vice Moderator shall succeed automatically to the office of Moderator at the conclusion of the Moderator's term, in accordance with the bylaws.
- c. The installation of officers shall take place at the same meeting at which they are elected unless otherwise ordered by the presbytery.

#### SR X.4 Failure to Elect

- a. If an election for Vice Moderator is not completed at the Annual Meeting, the election shall be held at the next stated meeting of the presbytery.
- b. Until such election occurs, the current officers shall continue to serve.

#### SR X.5 Vacancies

- a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice Moderator, the presbytery shall elect a Vice Moderator at the next duly called meeting.
- b. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Moderator, the Vice Moderator shall immediately assume the office of Moderator.
- c. If both offices are vacant, the presbytery shall elect a Moderator by simple majority at the next duly called meeting.

#### SR X.6 Eligibility

- a. All nominees for elected presbytery office shall meet the eligibility requirements of the Book of Order and the bylaws of the presbytery.
- b. Additional eligibility requirements or nomination procedures may be established by the presbytery, provided they are consistent with the Book of Order.