

Proposed Constitution Change:

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Explanation:

The Leadership met to discuss the need to add language that puts a check on the timing of calling Special Business Meetings. In the past, this language was included in our Policy Manual but was removed a few years ago for the sake of reducing the Policy Manual overall size. With this addition to the language of our Constitution, we can rightly guard against bad actors calling a meeting without any prior notice, but the timeline of 48 hours is not too burdensome for our church to take expedient action in the event that might one day need to. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Stephen about it.