

FOMG Board members

The following are edits I made to the proposed bylaws based on questions raised since your last meeting. I think these changes will resolve/clarify the issues. The first occurrence represents the previous language and the second occurrence represents the current language after the edit.

One source of confusion is from board members that also serve as the chair of a committee. The bylaws establish specific standing committees and require the chairs of those committees be elected board members. In some cases, elected officers have a dual role and also serve as the chair of a standing committee.

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*Each Board member (Director), with the exception of the initial Board of Directors, shall serve a term of **one year**.*

Comment: With directors elected annually from among the membership we do not need to assign staggered terms. That was only necessary when the directors were to be elected from among the board of directors.

The initial Board of Directors of the Friends of the Milton Gardens, Inc. being appointed by a selection committee consisting of representative of the University of Florida Environmental Horticulture Department, The Master Gardeners, The Milton Garden Club, and the Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs, shall serve staggered terms as follows, beginning July 2003:

*The initial Board of Directors of the Friends of the Milton Gardens, Inc. **will be** appointed by a selection committee consisting of representative of the University of Florida Environmental Horticulture Department, The Master Gardeners, The Milton Garden Club, and the Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs.*

Comment: Removes reference to staggered terms.

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President for the purpose of identifying the offices that are up for election. The nominating committee shall make recommendations for directors for placement on the ballot. Upon approval of the nominees, the President shall direct that a ballot be prepared, listing the nomination and providing space for write-in candidates. All nominees and "write-ins" must be current members according to the provisions of the operating procedures, except that the nominating committee may nominate and the membership may elect not to fill an office, leaving that office at the discretion of the Board of directors.

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Comment: Removes comment regarding identification of offices that are up for election.

7. Quorum

A quorum for conducting business at a meeting of the Board of directors shall be five (6) of the voting members of the Board.

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*A quorum for conducting business at a meeting of the Board of directors shall be **50% plus 1 or seven (7)** of the voting members of the Board.*

Comment: Clarifies the minimum number of Directors necessary to conduct business.

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*One-half **plus 1 of the** voting members present shall constitute a **majority** for the transaction of business at all meetings of the general membership.*

Comment: Establishes the majority for conducting business at a general meeting.

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The Board of Directors shall determine any other committee deemed proper and necessary to fulfill the objective and purpose of the organization. Chairpersons for other committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may dissolve committees established under SECTION VII.1, after the initial committee objective or purpose has been achieved.

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The Board of Directors shall determine any other committee deemed proper and necessary to fulfill the objective and purpose of the organization. Chairpersons for other committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may dissolve committees established under SECTION VII.2, after the initial committee objective or purpose has been achieved.

Comment: This does not automatically place these committee chairs on the Board of Directors or require that they be a member of the Board of Directors as a criteria for selection. Clarifies that the other committees may be dissolved by the board not the standing committees. Typo!!