



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 29, 2021

TO: ELGL Board of Directors

FROM: Kirsten Wyatt

RE: Bylaws Change for Board of Director Terms

At the June 18, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, there was consensus that a bylaws amendment should be pursued to extend the term of service for members of the Board of Directors. This memo provides a brief overview of how to pursue this change.

[Article 4, Section 3 of the ELGL Bylaws](#) states:

Section 3 TERMS OF OFFICE; FILLING VACANCIES:

Two members of the Executive Board shall serve with no specified term limits. Five members of the Executive Board shall serve staggered two year terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the remaining Executive Board members.

An amendment to this section must be noticed to all ELGL members with the invitation to attend a meeting to vote on the change, per Article 9 of the Bylaws:

ARTICLE 9

Amendment of Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended or repealed by two-thirds vote of the active members of the organization present via electronic vote, provided all members shall have been notified of the time and place for the meeting.

If the board wishes to propose this change to the members, I would suggest the following:

1. Review the proposed language change to Article 4, Section 3:
 - a. *Two members of the Executive Board shall serve with no specified term limits. Five members of the Executive Board shall serve staggered ~~two~~ three year terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the remaining Executive Board members.*

2. Staff will create a Zoom meeting and will notice it to the full membership for **Friday, July 30, 2021 at noon PT/3:00 ET**. (All Board members should be present at this meeting so please advise if you are not able to attend so we can find a good date and time.)
3. At the July 30, 2021 meeting, make a motion for member vote ($\frac{2}{3}$ of present members must approve it):
 - a. *I move that we amend the ELGL bylaws as follows: Two members of the Executive Board shall serve with no specified term limits. Five members of the Executive Board shall serve staggered ~~two~~ **three** year terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the remaining Executive Board members.*

Upon adoption of this amendment, terms will be staggered as follows:

- Permanent Positions: Ben Kittelson & Kent Wyatt
- Terms Starting 2020 - 2023: Cathy Bailey, Amie Hendrix, Maggie Jones
- Terms Starting 2021 - 2024: Appointee #1, Appointee #2

Under this new rotation we will not have an appointment process in 2022 (and going forward, every third year).

Please let me know if you'd like to put this amendment process in motion. Thank you.