

2025 AGM Proposed Bylaw Amendments Explainer

Motion N06: Revision of the Election Schedule

This motion proposes that the Annual Board of Directors election period be moved from September to February and for the Election Period to be increased to six weeks between Nominations opening and the close of the Voting Period. This means that nominations would begin on the first business day after February 1st and voting would take place in the middle of March. It also proposed that the Boards term would begin May 1st.

Why is the board proposing this?

Many Boards over the years have noted that running for the Board of Directors election is difficult in September. Students are often just starting their programs and are overwhelmed with all that comes with that. This can mean that by the time students are aware of the elections it is too late to nominate themselves. Moving the election to February allows students the opportunity to learn more about the Board of Directors in their first semester and, if they are interested in running, prepare for the election period in February. February is also a slower time of the academic year which will potentially make it easier for students to make find the time to campaign.

Moving the start of the new Board of Directors term to May 1st ensures that the election can be completed properly with space given to address any complaints that arise at the close of the voting period in March. Starting the term in May also gives staff the summer to train up the new Board of Directors, better equipping them to succeed in their roles.