**PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE**

**Commencement of Term for Newly Elected Board Members**

Submitted by Jim Walker, GSSA Executive Director/Secretary/Referee

**Current Bylaw:**

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**Rationale for Modification:**

The highlighted sections above are in conflict with one another, as the current language leads to ambiguity as to whether newly elected board members assume their position after the AGM election OR at the following board meeting, which could be several weeks into the future. This modification clarifies that newly elected board members assume their position at the conclusion of the AGM in which they were elected.

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