

Bylaws Committee **Motion 6** in Packet A Part 2 for March 2016  
Region 5 Bylaws Amendment Proposal

**MOVE TO AMEND:**

Article - VI Officers

Section - A, Election of officers

**CURRENT WORDING:**

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  - c. Declared themselves as practicing all Twelve Steps to the best of their ability and be committed to the Twelve Traditions of OA and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
4. Officers shall be elected by the Region 5 representatives and shall serve two-year terms. Terms shall commence at the adjournment of the assembly during which they are elected.
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6. a. The election shall be by ballot. To be elected, a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast. If more than one ballot is necessary for any position, on subsequent ballots the name of the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot, except that the top two candidates must remain.  
b. In the event that no candidate is elected a vacancy is declared. The Executive Board shall fill this vacancy at the next or a special meeting of the Executive Board by appointing a qualified member to the position to serve until the next assembly where an election would then take place.
7. No person shall serve more than five (5) consecutive years in any one office.
8. Officers shall have at least two years of current continuous abstinence, one year of which shall be of maintenance of a healthy body weight. Each person shall be the judge of his or her own recovery including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight.
9. All elected officers shall live within the boundaries of Region 5.
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**PROPOSED WORDING:**

(In summary, moving 8 to 3d, 9 to 4, 10 to 5, and renumbering the rest of the items) A. Election of Officers

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

Bylaws Committee

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**INTENT:**

To make this section of the Bylaws more user-friendly by regrouping related items together.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Update/reorganize Bylaws items as described above.

**COST:**

Nominal

**RATIONALE:**

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