

Summary of By-Laws Revisions, September 2019
Lindenwood Christian Church

The following is a summary of changes made to the Lindenwood Christian Church By-Laws, approved unanimously by the Board of Directors in their August meeting, and to be submitted to the Congregation for approval in their September meeting.

1. The name of the Personnel Committee was changed to the Staffing Advisory Committee to more accurately reflect its role in the church.
2. The name "Stewardship Ministry" was changed to the Financial Advisory Committee to more accurately reflect its role in day-to-day oversight of church budget and finances. The committee was defined in Article X. A Stewardship Campaign Coordinator is included in the committee and is in charge of the annual Stewardship Campaign.
3. The terms of the members of the Board of Directors was clarified. Board members are confirmed by the Congregation in December and take office in January. Board officers retain their offices until the new officers are selected and immediately take office in January.
4. If a new Board member is selected to replace a resigning Board member in the first year of their term, it will count as a full term. If it happens in the second year, it will not.
5. It was clarified that Ex-Officio Board members do not vote. This has been Board practice for many years, but was not specifically stated.
6. The Board Chair was made an Ex-Officio member of all Board committees. This provision has always been in place for the Senior Pastor.
7. Wording was changed so that a Parliamentarian may be appointed but is not required, and so that a Board member can be allowed to continue if they miss more than one meeting.
8. Absentee voting is now allowed in the three days prior to Congregational meetings. A process is included to verify membership while preserving anonymity of ballots.
9. When there is no Senior Minister, an Interim Senior Minister must consult with the Board Chair before making permanent personnel changes.
10. Various wording and spelling corrections were made that do not change the meaning of the document, and articles after Article X were renumbered.

Any questions regarding these By-Laws revisions will be addressed at Information Sessions held from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, and from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 15.

You can also email questions to BoardChair@Lindenwoodcc.org.

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