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Proposal 22-17

Revisions to the Bylaws

Submitted by the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Senate's Governing Documents

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Rationale

- Comprehensive review has not been completed for some time
- Some revisions in the past few years created contradictions and caused diversion from convention
- Many provisions created processes suitable for conducting the Senate's business on paper
- We have an opportunity to streamline, and improve consistency and clarity



Summary of revisions...

1. Clarify when members can vote
2. Bring the bylaws in line with revisions to the Constitution that set July 1 as the beginning of the term of office
3. Clarify and modernize the process for submitting, processing, and communicating about proposals
 - i. Change to a “two meeting rule”
 - ii. Require proposals to be posted and handled in a timely manner
 - iii. Remove archaic provisions suitable for paper processes



Summary of revisions...

4. Clarify and modernize the handling of Emergency Proposals
 - i. Remove archaic provisions suitable for paper processes
 - ii. Bring in line with regular proposals, with a short lead time
 - iii. Raise the threshold to take up at the same meeting
5. Create a process for setting, reviewing and approving the Senate's Budget
6. Formalize the process for setting the Senate's Agenda



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7. Transfer some responsibility from the Senate Executive Committee to the whole Senate
 - i. Determining staff constituency
 - ii. Appointing representatives to committees
8. Remove unnecessary text and orphan items
 - i. Inviting liaisons
 - ii. Quotes from Robert's Rules
 - iii. Advice and recommendations
9. Require future amendments to be considered by an *ad hoc* committee

