

Proposed Amendments to the Alumni Council Rules of Governance

To be voted on at the April 14, 2018 Meeting (Founder's Day)

1. To *add* to section 5, a (Chairpersons), pg. 1, following the first sentence the wording- *After two years it will be announced in the alumni newsletter following Homecoming and on the web-site, when the two year term will be up and anyone checking on it will have 100 days from the end of Homecoming to let the Head of School know if he or she wants the chairperson position. The current chairperson will act as the interim chairperson until the 100 days are up.*

This will allow someone not present at the meeting and without internet access to express interest in the position.

2. To *add* Section 11, d., To Read: *"Have all the changes to the Rules of Governance turned in two weeks prior to Founder's Day and name the person who is proposing the change."*

This will set a deadline for proposed changes to be received and require the names of those proposing the changes to be disclosed.

3. To remove from Section 14 (Hall of Fame) the words *"former student, former or present members of the staff or faculty and friends of Massanutten Military Academy"* – and- *"or demonstrating by the example of their lives, that they are an inspiration to others to attain and maintain high levels of achievement in a chosen field of endeavor, or make a notable contribution to humanity."*

This will remove identifiers of ties to Massanutten Military Academy and qualification by virtue of life's work or contribution outside Massanutten Military Academy directly.

4. To *change* the word *"Homecoming"* to *"Founder's Day"* in Section 14, a, v (Hall of Fame), pg. 5.

This will change the event that the HOF nominations are voted on to Founder's Day.

5. **To delete* from Section 14 (Hall of Fame), a. Nominations, V. the word *"Homecoming."*

This will permit voting on the HOF nominations at Founder's Day only.

6. To *change* the wording of Section 14, a, vi (Hall of Fame), pg. 5., to Add: *"...as a guideline, unless otherwise deemed appropriate and or necessary by the executive committee to vote on one or more worthy candidate. This is to be in conjunction with part ii of Section 14."*

This will permit more than one HOF recipient each year if deemed appropriate by the executive committee.

7. To *change* the wording of Section 14, a, vii (Hall of Fame), pg. 5, from *“The Nominee with a simple majority cast in their favor will be selected as the nominee for that year.”* To *“A nominee must receive affirmative votes from not less than three fourths of those voting.”*

This will change the HOF nominee awarding criteria from a simple majority of “yes” votes from members voting to require “yes” votes from 3/5 of those members voting.

8. To delete from Section 14 (Hall of Fame), a., vii, pg. 5, the words *“The nominee with a simple majority vote cast in their favor.”*

This will change the HOF nominee awarding criteria from a simple majority of “yes” votes from members voting to require “yes” votes from 3/4 of those members voting

9. To delete from Section 14 (Hall of Fame), a., viii, pg. 5, the words *“In case of a tie involving 1,2,3,4, etc., allow all nominees to be inducted.”*

This will require a run-off vote to be held for ties.

10. To *remove* Section 14, a, xi (Hall of Fame), pg. 6, *“In different, special, unique, and unusual circumstances (e.g. an extremely large donation from an individual to the Academy) the Alumni Council Executive Committee can vote nominees into the Hall of Fame without a vote by the Full Alumni Council being required.”*

This will do away with the special circumstances amendment to the approval of HOF recipients.

11. To add to Section 14 (Hall of Fame), a. Nominations, item pg. 6, *“xi. Secret ballots will be used in the selection process.”*

This stipulates the requirement for the use of secret ballots in the selection process.

12. To *add* a Section 14, a, xii (Hall of Fame), pg. 6, – *Announce the votes of the HOF vote by the Alumni Council or the Executive Committee and put them in the next alumni newsletter.*

This will require a process established to make public HOF votes.

* This action will have the same effect as the previous (Different wording).