

**Proposed Amendment to FBC(E) Constitution Amendment
for Approval in Members Meeting 8-Nov-2020**

Proposal Title	Existing Wording	Proposed Amendment	Reason for Change
<p>Proposal # 1: Appointment process of AOL</p>	<p><u>Article X1, clause (B) (2)</u> All AOL members shall be vetted and validated by the Church Board, recommended with the unanimous consent of the Council of Elders and approved by the Church and every AOL member shall be considered a deacon or deaconess thereby satisfying 1 Tim 3:8-12.</p>	<p>All AOL members shall be nominated by the Council of Elders then vetted and approved by the Church board before being brought to the church for approval by a simple majority.</p>	<p>Rationale: the previous minimum criteria for entry into the Assembly of leaders was too stringent as the qualifications was that of a deacon as specified under 1 Tim 3. As such it discouraged many younger leaders from participating in this leadership process. The removal of this criteria will allow many more younger leaders to come into the Assembly to be trained, participate and contribute to a more dynamic church growth. Eventually with maturity they will be elected the church board of deacons where the criteria of 1 Tim 3 will then apply. The process remains essentially the same with the nomination of the leader coming from the Council of Elders as a majority consent no longer needing to be unanimous followed by vetting and approval by the church board and then finally the simple majority agreement the church.</p>