

## **Membership Committee**

Section 2-31. Committee on Membership:

1. Appointments: The Committee on Membership shall consist of six (6) members who shall serve for terms of three years each. The Grand Master elected in 1996 shall appoint two (2) members for a term of one year, two (2) members for a term of two (2) years, and two (2) members for a term of three years. Successors shall be appointed for a term of three years provided that when a vacancy occurs, the appointment shall be for an unexpired term. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive full terms. The elected Grand Lodge Officers and the Executive Director shall be “ex officio” members.

*The proposed amendment would read as follows:*

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Section 2-31. Committee on Membership:

1. Appointments: The Committee on Membership shall consist of a number of members equal to the number of Districts as determined in Section 2-19, Districts, all of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Master, each for a term of three (3) years. The Grand Master installed in 2009 shall appoint additional members to this committee to bring it up to its full number by making appointments of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years so as to have, as nearly as possible, an equal number of members whose terms expire each year. The area of responsibility for each member of the Committee on Membership shall also be consistent with the boundaries of each of the Districts as determined in Section 2-19, Districts. Each member of the Committee on Membership shall be assigned to a specific District, with the individual appointments of each member of the Committee on Membership strategically located within the confines of the District to which they are assigned, whenever possible. It is desirable, but not mandatory, for the member to reside in the District served. When a vacancy occurs the appointment shall be for the unexpired term. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms. The elected Grand Lodge Officers and the Executive Director shall be “ex officio” members.

*Rationale:*

The proposed amendment will enable the members of the Committee on Membership, members of the Board of Custodians of the Work and the District Masters to work as a team in each District to accomplish mutual goals. By not requiring members to resident in the District served, the Grand Master will be able to make appointments from a broader selection of well-qualified prospective committee members. By appointing new members with staggered terms, approximately 1/3 of the committee will be subject to replacement or reappointment each year.