

Proposed Constitution and Bylaw Changes
Hope CCC
AGM meeting
March 8, 2026

CONSTITUTION CHANGE

To change wording within the Constitution Article XI – Amendments

From:

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BYLAW CHANGE

At Article V - Meetings:

Add Paragraph

Section 5. Proxy Voting

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Previous Section 5. becomes Section 6.

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