



Proposed changes to the VML Constitution

The changes to the VML Constitution outlined below will be voted on by members at the Annual Business Meeting being held Oct. 13 at the Hotel Roanoke during the 2025 Annual Conference.

Executive summary

The proposed changes to the VML Constitution are part of the VML strategic planning process and were approved by the Board of Directors on June 27th in concept and the exact text via email thereafter.

The four major changes are:

1. Add a category of membership for retirees.
2. Allow the Vice President to automatically move to President-Elect and state that a Board member cannot be President, Vice President or President-Elect twice in 10 years.
3. Amend the quorum language to make it easier to achieve without hand counting the members at a meeting.
4. Change the non-leadership Board of Director positions to be nine (9) at large members, one from each of the nine Virginia Department of Transportation districts. Each of the nine (9) at-large board members will represent a district; there will not be two from the same district.

The other changes are minor and include compiling the types of membership for ease; making language more consistent and some formatting.

Line-item summary of proposed changes

Lines 10-12 – amended to match the VA state code (see below)

§ 15.2-1303. Associations to promote welfare of political subdivisions.

The governing bodies of two or more of the political subdivisions of the Commonwealth may, in their discretion, and in addition to powers prescribed in § [15.2-940](#), form and

maintain associations for the purpose of promoting, through investigation, discussion and cooperative effort, the interest and welfare of the several political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, and to promote a closer relation between the several political subdivisions of the Commonwealth. Any such association so formed shall be an instrumentality of the political subdivisions which are members thereof.

Lines 14-15 – clarifying language

Lines 18-19 – using “local government” as the standard term

Lines 20-21 – clarifying

Lines 23-24 – clarifying

Lines 30-31 – an attempt to remove the issue of “active” vs. “regular member” for consistency

Lines 38-41 – adding the corporate business program into this section rather than create a separate section (hence the deletion of 44-50)

Lines 42-43 – adding the retired local official piece and attaching the link to VLGMA who has a lot of types of membership

[Constitution & Bylaws — Virginia Local Government Management Association \(VLGMA\)](#) (this is only for the board)

Line 67 – making Emergency Meetings the “title”

Lines 80-82 – using the local government attorneys of Virginia language for the definition of a quorum

Lines 89-93 – amends process of making determinations on procedure in the Annual Business Meeting

Lines 110-113 – allowing flexibility in the order of the agenda at the annual business meeting

Lines 121-144 – streamlining the resolution process

Line 152-153 – changing the failure to pay dues date

Lines 176-182 – amended the board composition to include 9 members from the VDOT transportation districts and the VP now automatically would become President-Elect

Lines 192-193 – clarifying

Line 205 – outlining the Vice President with separate duties

Lines 209-210 – adding the Vice President in the line of succession

Lines 212-213 – ensures that 10 years pass before someone can be in the officer track more than once

217-235 – removes the section succession and adds in succession for the 9 seats as VDOT districts

263-284 – removes the Section chair process

288-290 – clarifying

309-311 – changed to 3 required meetings per year

322-330 – amends the composition of the legislative committee to make it consistent with the board districts

341-342 – codifies current practice