

Frequently Asked Questions

GBTA Bylaw Amendment Recommendation

- 1. Why was this proposed?** Currently there is inequity on the Board of Directors. Eleven (11) of the thirteen (13) Board members are elected, and there is no reason why all thirteen positions should not be treated equally. This is a more fair and balanced process for Board membership. This action will provide more opportunity for members to be elected and serve on the Board.
- 2. Why now?** It is time! The Allied Leadership Council (ALC) became obsolete in 2006 when the Board changed the Bylaws to allow Allied members to be elected to the Board. These elected Allied members have served their constituency well, and adding two additional elected positions will enhance that representation.
- 3. What does this mean to Allied representation?**

Allied members will still have four positions on the Board of Directors that will all be nominated and elected by their peers. Per the Bylaws, incumbents will only be allowed to run for two sequential terms, which will always allow for new people, new ideas and new energy. The president of GBTA has the ability to create a committee or task force to address specific Allied needs. There is NOT an appointed Direct member council.
- 4. What does this mean to Direct member representation?**

The Direct member representation will essentially remain the same since the number of directors (both Allied and Direct) will not change. However, it will eliminate the appointment of Allied directors since there is not a correlating appointed Direct council.
- 5. What happens to the Allied Leadership Council (ALC)?**

It will be abolished and replaced by the two newly elected Allied Board members at the GBTA Convention in 2014. Per the bylaws, the president of GBTA can appoint a task force or committee to address specific Allied needs, if necessary.
- 6. Who can vote on the amendment change?**

Direct members in good standing are allowed to vote.

7. Why should the buyers approve this amendment change?

In 2006 the buyers voted on an amendment change that allowed two additional voting Allied members to the Board of Directors. That change was overwhelmingly accepted by the Direct membership because the Allied members are vital to the Association. This amendment change is an enhancement to the one approved in 2006.

8. When will the vote take place?

Voting will open onsite at Convention in San Diego August 5 and close on August 6.

9. Can I still vote if I don't go to convention?

Yes, absentee ballots can be requested from the executive director, Mike McCormick (mmccormick@gbta.org) between June 7 and July 5.

10. When will the change be effective if the amendment is approved?

The Bylaw amendment would be effective and implemented in 2014. Two Allied member Directors would be elected at the Annual Conventions in 2014 and 2015 and so forth each year thereafter.

11. How is the current Board comprised? The Board of Directors is currently comprised of fourteen members. There are nine direct members, four allied members (two elected – two appointed) and one non-voting member (executive director).

12. Where does the Board stand on this proposal? Not sure; however, many past Board members and past officers support the proposal of an amendment change.