

## **Board of Custodians of the Work**

Section 2-08. Custodians. Appointment. There is hereby created a Board of Custodians of the Work, consisting of ten (10) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Master, each for a term of three (3) years, appointing one or more each year as the terms expire of each member currently serving, to assure that the Board is fully staffed each year. The members of said Board shall annually elect a Chairman from among the members of the Board. Each member shall be a Master Mason in good standing in a Lodge of this Jurisdiction and a Past Master, and shall be proficient in the established work and lectures of this Jurisdiction. Further, that the area covered by this Grand Lodge be divided into to (10) districts of approximately the same number of constituent Lodges each, and each member of the Board be assigned to one specific district, with their individual appointments strategically located within the confines of the area to which they are assigned. No member of the Board of Custodians shall be eligible to be appointed for more than two (2) consecutive full terms. (Approved 1993)

*The proposed amendment would read as follows:*

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Section 2-08. Custodians. Appointment. The Board of Custodians of the Work 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 it's 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 Board of Custodians of the Work shall also be consistent with the boundaries of each of the Districts as determined in Section 2-19, Districts. Each member of the Board of Custodians of the Work shall be assigned to a specific District, with the individual appointments of each member of the Board of Custodians of the Work 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 of the Board of Custodians of the Work shall be eligible to be appointed for more than two (2) consecutive full terms.

*Rationale:*

The proposed amendment will enable the members of the Board of Custodians of the Work, the members of the Committee on Membership and the District Masters to work as a team in each District to accomplish mutual goals. It is desirable, but not mandatory; that the Custodian lives within the geographical area he serves. By not requiring members to be resident in the District served, the Grand Master will be able to make his 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.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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