

An amendment to reduce the email ballots

Existing wording

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New Wording

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Rationale: The strength of any large organization relies on healthy dialogue from its active members. Using e-balloting as a method of resolving issues potentially creates unforeseen consequences that might have be discovered through vibrant debate at the TFA meeting. E-balloting should only be used if the executive council recognizes problems with the IQT calendar and is up against a deadline that requires timely distribution of the IQT calendar.

Respectfully submitted by John Mast