

Article IX. Party Organization and Officers (GPMN Bylaws)

Side-by-side revision proposals

Existing language with proposed changes

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