

Southern California Conference
65th Constituency Session
September 22, 2019

Duties and Responsibilities of the Delegate

1. Counsel for Delegates

“Delegates to a conference session or constituency meeting are not chosen to represent merely the Church or Conference. They should view the work as a whole, remembering their responsibility for the welfare of the worldwide work of the Church. . . . Each delegate should be susceptible to the direction of the Holy Spirit and vote according to personal convictions.”

Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual, p. 114

“The delegates to our Conference should be men [women] of wisdom and capability, men [women] whom the Lord may use to prevent rash movements. God has men [women] of appointment whom He has fitted to judge righteously.”

E.G. White, *Letter 262*, 1905 brackets added

“The importance of any meeting does not necessarily arise from the numbers of those present or the amount of discussion and speechmaking connected with it, but rather upon the weighty matters decided upon and the spirit of unison and love among those in attendance.”

E.G. White, *Review & Herald*, November 25, 1873

2. Materials

For the 65th Constituency Session a special website (www.2019sccsession.org) has been designed to deliver all the information and materials related to the Session: lists of delegates, new churches to accept, parliamentary procedures, agenda of the Session, information pertaining to items on the agenda, a financial summary, minutes of the 64th Constituency Session (2015), reports from the executive officers, reports from Nominating Committee, the Bylaws of the Conference and proposed changes to these, resolutions from Ad Hoc sub-committees, and more.

We encourage you to READ EVERYTHING. On the Session day you will receive at the door only 3 or 4 basic documents for your perusal. But you can print whatever you feel you might need for reference at the meeting. Or, you can bring your electronic device to have your own wireless access to Internet (smartphone, laptop computer, iPad, etc).

3. Registration

It is expected that your church has a full complement of delegates in attendance at the Constituency Session. If you cannot attend, please notify your pastor so he/she can arrange for an elected Alternate Delegate to serve in your place. You may give the alternate your materials.

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the foyer of the White Memorial SDA Church Sanctuary. Prior to the September 22 Session, you will receive your delegate name badge. This badge will be your Session I.D. for registration and participation. Please bring it with you. This is necessary for an accurate count and identification of the delegates.

All delegates are to wear the name badge in order to be admitted to the floor of the session. Please be sure to bring your session materials, and your delegate name badge.

4. Procedures

Please note in the following pages the expectations, the procedures and the rules in order to participate properly at the Constituency Session day.