

Guide to Recommendations from SCC Bylaws Committee

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The following is a guide to the changes by subject matter listed by paragraph numbers in order relationship to other amendments and of general overall importance.

I. Changes in Calendar of Schedules

Par. 4.1 Time between regular sessions: The number of years between regular Session meeting is changed from four to five year.

Par. 8.1 Time to begin work of Bylaws committee: As a consequence of change in 4.1 the work of the Bylaws committee would begin no later than three years from the previous regular session, rather than two.

Par. 3.1 Pre-session Committee completes work twelve (12) weeks before regular session because of change in 3.2

Par. 3.2 Time Nominating Committee Begins work. The nomination committee starts work no later than ten (10) weeks before regular session and completes its work no later than four (4) weeks before regular session because of change in 3.2.

Par. 8.1.2 Proposed Amendments Submitted to Bylaws Committee. This section was revised to clarify who, when and how proposed bylaws amendments would be submitted to the bylaws committee and how the bylaws committee meets to consider such proposals in sufficient time to be considered by the bylaws committee and included in its report to the executive committee.

Par 3.3.2 Report of Bylaws Committee to Executive Committee. This was added to provide continuity with Par. 3.3.2 wherein the bylaws committee report is to be presented to the executive committee is eight (8) weeks before the regular session.

Par. 3.2.4 Time for the Nominating Committee Report to be distributed to Delegates. The time for the secretary to receive the nominating committee report and to transmit it to the delegates is two (2) days from the receipt of the report and for announcing date, time and place of meeting of Nominating Committee and delegates.

Par. 3.3.4 Time of Session Report Town Halls. This provision is new. It provides for obligation of the conference to schedule pre-session town hall meetings no later than three (3) weeks

before regular session for consideration and discussion of the proposed session agenda with delegates and other church members.

Par. 3.2.4 Time of meeting of Nominating Committee and delegates. The time and place for discussion of Nominating Committee report with the delegates is moved from seven (7) days before the regular session to 14 days before the regular session

Note: The reason for this change was to attempt to avoid the procedural crisis of the previous regular session and to give the delegates more time to consider the nominating committee report and meet with the nominating committee. This meeting will be at least two weeks prior to the regular session. The effect of these changes means that the secretary will have the nominating committee report about four (4) weeks before the session whereupon he will transmit it to the delegates within two (2) days. Consequently, the report will be in the hands of the delegates about twenty-five (25) days before the session along with the time, date and place of meeting with the nominating committee.

II. Change to Number of Regular Delegates and Quorum

Par. 2.2 Regular Delegates: The ratio of regular delegates to church members is changed from 1/50 to 1/75.

Note: This change was deemed appropriate to: 1. economize the time and cost of each session and the large number of delegates who are entitled to participate and who actually attend the session and 2. To become more aligned with other local conferences and the general conference schedule. The calculation of the actual change of percentage of lay delegates to delegates at large per par 2.3 is negligible (changed by app. 5% from app. 79% to 74%.)

Par. 4.5 Quorum. This section was revised only clarify the number of delegates comprising a quorum and the effect of lack of quorum

III. Changes in Officers, Committees and their Titles

Par. 6.1 Officers: Changes were made to reflect and clarify the changes in its subparagraphs and to harmonize them with respect to various duties in job descriptions as set forth below:

Par. 6.2.5 Title of Superintendent of Education was changed to Vice President of Education with a job description and changed throughout as required.

Par. 6.2.2 Title of Secretary was changed to Executive Secretary and changed throughout as required.

Par. 6.2.4 Title of Vice President was changed to Executive Vice President and changed throughout as required.

Par. 7.3. Asset/Risk Management: An addition to allow for the appointment of an “Asset/Risk Management Director” with authorizations to act on behalf of the conference in certain matters. As a consequence , former par. 8.3. was deleted and replaced with Par. 7.3

Par. 8.2.1 Budget and Finance Committee: The number of members was changed from eighteen to nineteen members and slight changes in source of members.

Par. 8.2.2 Audit Review Committee: This is a clarification of membership of the Audit Review Committee restricting it to non-employees members from Budget and Finance Committee and the Executive Committee. It’s responsibility and how it’s report is approved and distributed.

Par. 8.3. Committee Governance: paragraph numbering changed due to deletion of former 8.3. Also 8.3.1 was changed to broaden scope of establishment of various committees. 8.3.4 was added to provide for a church’s submission of nominees of lay persons for committee consideration.

IV. Notices

Par. 12.19 Notices. This section was revised to more clearly set forth both mail and electronic notices and how and when such notices were deemed given along with the duties of recipients with appropriate re-numbering of paragraphs.

Par. 4.3 Publication of Notices of both Regular and Special Constituency meetings. This section was revised to more clearly set forth the requirements for publication of such notices.

V. Other Miscellaneous Changes

Par. 12.4 Indemnification. The terms of indemnification were changes to adopt the NAD version which includes employees in addition to officers, etc with appropriate renumbering of paragraphs

Par. 12.20 Permanent Records: This section was revised to clarify which records are to be kept permanent and by whom. No substantive change with appropriate renumbering of paragraphs.

Other short minor changes were made in paragraph renumbering throughout as required and for further clarification (eg. see Par. 10.1) and also in various adverbs and pronouns and synonyms throughout as appropriate (eg. “must” or “will” changed to “shall”, see Par. 2.2, etc.) The amended bylaws are now being proof-read and other minor changes may be made hereafter to conform.

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