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65th Constituency Session Town Hall

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WHAT IS MY ROLE AS A DELEGATE?

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.



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“It is not permissible for church or conference delegations to organize or attempt to direct their votes as a unit...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

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“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 [woman] of appointment whom He has fitted to judge righteously.”

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



Counsel for Delegates

“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*, Nov. 25, 1873



What Is My Role As A Delegate

- Material
- Registration
- Procedures for Participating in the Constituency Session
- Session Rules and parliamentary procedure

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SCC BYLAWS RECOMMENDATIONS

George Sellers, Chairman

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CHANGE IN CALENDAR OF SCHEDULES



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1: Time between regular sessions: Number of years between regular Session meeting is changed from **four – five years**.
- 8.1: Time to begin work of Bylaws Committee: Because of change in 4.1, work of the Bylaws Committee changed to begin no later than **three years** from previous regular session, not two years.
- 3.1: Pre-session Committee completes work **12 weeks** before regular session because of change in 3.2



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.2: Time Nominating Committee begins work. The Nom. Com. starts work **no later than 10 weeks** (not 6 weeks) before regular session and completes work **no later than 4 weeks** (not 2 weeks) before Reg. Session.
- 8.1.2: Proposed Amendments submitted to Bylaws Com. Section revised to clarify who, when and how proposed bylaws amendments would be submitted to the Bylaws Com. and how the committee meets to consider proposals in sufficient time to be considered by Bylaws Com. and report to Exc. Com.



Recommendations

- 3.2.4: Meeting for delegates to speak with Nom. Com: The time and place for a meeting where the delegates may appear to present comments concerning the Nomination Committee's for their consideration is moved from seven (7) days before the regular session to **fourteen (14) days before the regular session.**
- 3.3.4: Time of Session report Town Halls: This is a new provision that obligates the conference to schedule pre-session Town Halls **no later than 3 weeks before regular session.**

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CHANGE TO NUMBER OF REGULAR DELEGATES AND QUORUM



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.2: REGULAR DELEGATES:. The ratio of regular delegates to church members is **changed from 1/50 to 1/75**.
- 4.5 Quorum: This section was revised only to clarify the number of delegates comprising a quorum and the effect of lack of quorum.

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CHANGES IN OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND THEIR TITLES



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1: Officers: Changes were made to reflect and clarify the changes in its subparagraphs and harmonize them with respect to various duties in job descriptions.
- 6.2.5: Title of Superintendent of Education: **Title was changed to Vice President of Education** with a job description and changed throughout document as required.
- 6.2.2: Title of Secretary: **Title changed to Executive Secretary** and changed throughout document as required.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.2.4: Title of Vice President. **Title was changed to Executive Vice President** and changed throughout as required.
- 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 8.3 was deleted and replaced with 7.3.



Recommendations

- 8.2.1: Budget and Finance Committee: The number of members was **changed from 18 to 19 members (adding a member from the Conference educational system)** and slight changes in source of the other members.
- 8.2.2: Audit Review Committee: This is a clarification of membership of the Audit Review Committee **restricting it to non-employee members from Budget and Finance Committee and Executive Committee**; in addition, its responsibility and how it's report is approved and distributed.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.3: Committee Governance: **Paragraph numbering changed** due to deletion of former 8.3 (Asset Management Committee). Also 8.3.1 was changed to broaden scope of establishment of various committees.
- 8.3.4 Committees Lay Membership: This was added to provide for constituent churches submission of nominees of laypersons for committee consideration.

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Notices



RECOMMENDATIONS

- **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.
- **4.3 Publication of notices:** For both regular and special constituency meetings this section was revised to more clearly set forth the requirements for publication of notices. Time was specified and extended for publication of both such notices.

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Other Miscellaneous Changes



RECOMMENDATIONS

- **12.4: Indemnification:** The terms of indemnification were changed to adopt the NAD version which includes employees in addition to officers, etc, with appropriate renumbering of paragraphs.
- **12.20 Permanent Records:** This section was revised to clarify which records are to be kept permanent and by whom. No substantive change was made. Appropriate renumbering of paragraphs was added.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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.