

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

Proposed NCNC Bylaws from the Bylaws Task Force

Church bylaws are theological documents, as well as a means of legal incorporation. Constitutions and bylaws say who we are and describe our connections to one another within our church community, locally and throughout the denomination. Bylaws explain who is a member of this particular body, and what it means to be a member. Bylaws record how we've agreed to conduct ourselves and organize our mission. Healthy bylaws connect us, set a tone and a direction for us, and keep us moving and growing. They form a framework for ministry and a safety net if we teeter off the edge of our charted course.

The members of the Bylaws Task Group present these proposed new bylaws not so much as "revised" or "changed" but "renewed." We ask that

you read through these proposed bylaws as a document in itself, reflecting on how it accomplishes or falls short of the purposes alluded to above.

We present here a summary of the changes and new sections, and then the complete text. We will consider these in our business meeting on Saturday of Annual Meeting.

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Summary of Proposed Bylaws in comparison to Current Bylaws

Organization of the documents	
Current Bylaws (adopted 1996)	Proposed Bylaws
Article I. Name and Affiliations	Article I. Identity
Article II. Purpose, Aims, and Functions	Article II. Mission and Purpose
Article III Membership	Article III. Membership
Article IV. Meetings of the memberships	Article IV. Covenantal Relationships
Article V. Conference Officers	Article V. Meetings of the Members
Article VI. Board of Directors	Article VI. Officers
Article VIII. Conference Commissions	Article VII. Conference Council
Article IX. Committees of the Conference	Article IX. Conference Organization for Mission and Ministry
Article X. Finances and Notices	
Article XI. Parliamentary Authority	
Article XII. Amendments and Revision	Article X. Dissolution of the Corporation
	Article XI. Amendments of these Bylaws

Things that are new to the Bylaws

- Conference Covenant (Article IV)
- President's authority to refer Special Meeting items directly to Annual Meeting if within 120 days of Annual Meeting (Article V. Section 2)
- To responsibilities of Conference Council: (Article VII. Section 2)
 - lead the Conference periodically in developing a vision for future ministry directions
 - strategize, plan, and set goals for the Conference to achieve its vision
 - hold the ministerial standing of Authorized Ministers in the Conference
- Indemnification (Article VII, Section 8)
- Ministry Networks (Article IX, Section 6)
- Dissolution of the Corporation (Article X)

Things that will be moved from current Bylaws to "Standing Rules of the Annual Meeting"

- Adjourned Meetings (Article IV. Section 1. D)
- One vote per delegate; delegate must be present to vote (Article IV. Section 2)
- All elected take office at close of Annual Meeting (Article IV. Section 4. A. 2. d)
- Voice without vote for program staff, chairpersons (Article IV. Section 5. A)
- All members of Local Churches have privilege of the floor; guests and visitors may be granted privilege of the floor (Article IV. Section 5)
- Duties of Moderator and Vice-Moderator (Article V. Section 2)
- Conference Council determines location, time, and registration fee for meetings (Article VI. Section 3)
- Person may hold only one appointed position (excluding General

- Synod delegate) at a time and except for Conference Minister may not be employee (Article VIII. Section 4. B. 3)
- Election process (Article VIII. Section 4. B. 4.)

Things that will be moved from current Bylaws to "Standing Rules of the Conference Council"

- Procedure for removal of member of Conference Council (Article IV. Section 2. C.)
- Secretary to record and convey policies; maintain permanent policy manual (Article V. Section 4. D. 4)
- Secretary to send notice of meetings of Board, executive committee, and groups (Article V. Section 4. D. 5)
- Establish and maintain rules for Conference Council, Officers, and groups (Article VI. Section 3. B. 4)
- Duties of President, Vice-President, Treasurer (Article VI. Section 4. D.)
- Conference Council meetings to be held at least quarterly with ten day reminder (Article VI. Section 6. A)
- President, et. al., may call special meetings of the Conference Council (Article VI. Section 6. B)
- Quorum for meetings of the Conference Council (Article VI. Section 6. C)
- Voting by mail or phone (Note: need to add electronic voting) (Article VI. Section 6. D)
- Courtesy seats on the Conference Council (Article VI. Section 6. E)
- Rules for Executive Committee (Article VI. Section 7)
- Establish standing committees of the Conference Council (Article VI. Section 8)
- Fiscal Year (Article X. Section 5)