

Floor Committee #17: Constitutional Matters

Subject: Proposed bylaw revision—Procedure for nominating synodical officers

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 189-193

Resolution No. 01

WHEREAS 1) both the Conference of Presidents and the Arizona-California District have brought recommendations regarding our synod's procedure for nominating synodical officers (president, first vice president, second vice president, and recording secretary); and

WHEREAS 2) some difficulties have been identified in the current procedure including the short amount of time that delegates have to review that information and the short time (24 hours) that these elected men have to decide to accept or decline what is a divine call with significant spiritual and administrative duties that are also life-changing decisions for them and their families; and

WHEREAS 3) our synod regarding other elected positions has long allowed men to accept or decline nominations well in advance, and voters consider factual biographies prior to convention then cast votes at the synod convention; and

WHEREAS 4) both recommendations bear much in common, with the only noteworthy differences being (1) the specific deadline for submitting nominations (the Conference of Presidents' recommendation suggests June 1 and the Arizona-California District's recommendation suggests April 30, both with time allowed for the nominees to accept or decline) and (2) the parties who are authorized to submit nominations (the Conference of Presidents' recommendation suggests the convention's delegates and the Arizona-California District's recommendation suggests each member congregation of the synod, both allowing only for one submission per party); and

WHEREAS 5) the assigned committee agrees with the Conference of Presidents and considers its recommendation both to address the "grassroots" involvement concern of the Arizona-California District's recommendation by continuing to use the delegates for nominations and provides a more streamlined process; therefore be it

Resolved, that the synod in convention adopt the recommendations for election and the bylaw changes in the synod bylaws section 2.80 proposed by the

Conference of Presidents as found on pages 190,191 of the convention's
Book of Reports and Memorials.

Pastor Brian Doeblen, chairman
Pastor John Meyer VI, secretary

ADOPTED