

Floor Committee #17: Constitutional Matters

**Subject: Amendment to the bylaws for the WELS VEBA Commission**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 194

Resolution No. 03

WHEREAS 1) the WELS VEBA Commission desires to bring a recommendation to the synod convention regarding the amount of appointed members on the commission; and

WHEREAS 2) their proposal seems to provide a needed amount of flexibility; and

WHEREAS 3) our committee preferred, after consultation with the author of the recommendation, to include language that continued to require the participation of at least one layman on the commission; therefore be it

Resolved, that the synod in convention adopt the recommendations for bylaw changes in the synod bylaws section 7.50 regarding the size and makeup of the WELS VEBA Commission proposed by the WELS VEBA Commission as found on page 194 of the convention's *Book of Reports and Memorials* with the minor amendment regarding the requirement of at least one layman on the commission in section 7.50(b) listed here.

Pastor Brian Doeblen, chairman

Pastor John Meyer VI, secretary

(b) The commission shall consist of ~~one pastor, one teacher and four laymen~~ not less than four nor more than nine members, including at least one pastor, at least one teacher, and at least one layman, appointed by the Synodical Council. Appointments shall be for a term of four years. Members may succeed themselves twice. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled as soon as practicable by appointment by the Synodical Council. The president's designee, if one is appointed per 7.50(d), shall be an ex-officio member of the ~~board of directors~~ commission and shall serve in addition to the members appointed by the Synodical Council.

**ADOPTED**