

TWELFTH BUSINESS MEETING
Fifty-seventh General Conference Session
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
July 6, 2000, 9:30 a.m.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #9

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference

Publishing Department
Director: Jose L Campos

STATEMENTS, GUIDELINES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS—
DISTRIBUTION TO DELEGATES

The Communication Department provided a book to delegates entitled *Statements, Guidelines and Other Documents* which contains material approved by various General Conference committees.

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115-00G DIVISIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE - GENERAL
CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS—NEW
ARTICLE

VOTED, To adopt a new Article III—Divisions of the General Conference, in the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III—DIVISIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference conducts much of its work through its divisions, which in turn are comprised of union conferences and union missions in specific areas of the world. Each division is an administrative unit of the General Conference with commensurate authority to carry out responsibilities in the territory assigned to it. It is not a separate constituent level of

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organization. It shall act in full harmony with the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, the General Conference *Working Policy*, and actions of the Executive Committee.

In order to carry the authority of the General Conference, the actions of division committees shall, of necessity, be in harmony with and complementary to the decisions of the General Conference in session, and the actions of the Executive Committee between sessions.

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116-00G RENUMBERING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE
CONSTITUTION ARTICLES

VOTED, To renumber the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution Articles III to XII, as follows:

~~ARTICLE III~~ ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP

~~ARTICLE IV~~ ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

~~ARTICLE V~~ ARTICLE VI—ELECTION

~~ARTICLE VI~~ ARTICLE VII—APPOINTMENT

~~ARTICLE VII~~ ARTICLE VIII—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

~~ARTICLE VIII~~ ARTICLE IX—OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

~~ARTICLE IX~~ ARTICLE X—TERM OF OFFICE

~~ARTICLE X~~ ARTICLE XI—CORPORATIONS AND AGENTS

~~ARTICLE XI~~ ARTICLE XII—BYLAWS

~~ARTICLE XII~~ ARTICLE XIII—AMENDMENTS

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #10

VOTED, To approve the following partial report of the Nominating Committee:

General Conference

Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department
Director: James W Zackrison

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118-00G GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS - GENERAL
CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution,
Article IV—General Conference Sessions, to read as follows:

~~ARTICLE IV—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS~~
ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- Sec. 1. The General Conference shall hold - No change
- Sec. 2. The Executive Committee may call - No change
- Sec. 3. The election of officers - No change
- Sec. 4. The delegates to a General Conference Session shall be designated as follows:
- a. Regular ~~delegates:~~ delegates, not to exceed 1,240.
 - b. Delegates at ~~large:~~ large, not to exceed 760.
 - c. ~~The total number of delegates under these two designations shall not exceed 2,000.~~ In case of financial exigency or other major international crisis, crisis within the Church or in the international arena, the Executive Committee may take an action to reduce this

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~~cap. the maximum number of delegates to a particular General Conference Session. Such reduction shall then be proportionally distributed in harmony with the categories under Sec. 6., Sec. 7-c., and Sec. 7-d. applied, in the proportions indicated above, to both regular delegates and delegates at large.~~

Sec. 5. Regular delegates shall represent the General Conference's member union conferences, union missions, member conferences, missions, and unions of churches as defined in ~~Article III~~, Article IV, as follows:

a. Delegates representing union conferences having division affiliation shall be appointed by the respective ~~unions~~: union conference executive committee.

b. Delegates representing union missions and unions of churches having division affiliation shall be appointed by the respective division executive committees in consultation with the organizations concerned.

c. Delegates representing conferences and missions having union conference affiliation shall be appointed by the respective union conference executive committees in consultation with the organizations concerned.

d. Delegates representing conferences and missions having union mission affiliation shall be appointed by the respective division executive committees in consultation with the organizations concerned.

e. Delegates representing conferences and missions directly attached to divisions, shall be appointed by the respective division executive committees in consultation with the organizations concerned.

f. Delegates representing division institutions, the number of whom shall correspond to the number of division institutions within each division, shall be appointed by the respective division executive committees in consultation with the organizations concerned.

g. Delegates representing union conferences directly attached to the General Conference shall be appointed by the executive committees of the respective attached union conferences.

h. Delegates representing union missions, conferences, missions, and unions of churches directly attached to the General Conference shall be appointed by the Executive ~~committee~~ Committee in consultation with the organizations concerned.

Sec. 6. Regular delegates shall be allotted on the following basis:

- a. ~~Twenty-two~~ Twelve initial delegates for each division without regard to membership.
- b. Each division shall be entitled to additional delegates corresponding to the number of division institutions within its territory.
- c. Each union conference and union mission having division affiliation, shall be entitled to one delegate other than its president (who is a delegate at large) without regard to membership.
- d. Each union conference and union mission directly attached to the General Conference shall be entitled to one delegate other than its president (who is a delegate at large) without regard to membership.
- e. Each conference and ~~mission~~ mission* having union affiliation shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to membership.
- f. Each union of churches, conference, and ~~mission~~ mission* directly attached to the division shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to membership.
- g. Each union of churches, conference, and ~~mission~~ mission* directly attached to the General Conference shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to membership.
- h. Each division shall be entitled to additional delegates based upon its membership as a proportion of the world Church membership. The total number of delegates from all divisions under this provision shall not exceed the difference between ~~2,000~~ 1,240 and the total number of delegates provided for under Sec. 6-a. to Sec. 6-g. ~~and under Sec. 7-a. to 7-d.~~
- i. ~~The number of delegates~~ Delegates from each division, provided for under Sec. 6-a. and Sec. 6-h., shall be allotted to the union conferences and union missions that are affiliated with that division, based on each union's proportion of the division membership. Any

*In several areas of the world, local field units not holding conference status may be classified with terminology other than "mission." For the purposes of Article V, Sec. 6., such field units may be considered equivalent to a mission provided they have two or more officers and an executive committee and observe a schedule of regular constituency meetings.

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unallocated delegate entitlements under this process shall be allocated at the discretion of the division executive committee.

j. Unused quotas of regular delegates allocated to unions may be reallocated by the divisions.

Sec. 7. Delegates at large shall represent the General Conference, its divisions, and its organizations, and shall be appointed on the following basis:

a. All members of the Executive Committee.

b. Associate directors/secretaries of General Conference departments and associations.

c. ~~Thirty-four~~ Twenty delegates ~~selected~~ from General Conference appointed staff. Such delegates shall be selected by the Executive Committee upon recommendation from the General Conference Administrative Committee.

d. Ten delegates for each division.

~~d:~~ e. Those representatives of the General Conference and division institutions and other entities, and those employees, field secretaries, laypersons, and pastors who are selected by the Executive Committees of the General Conference and its divisions. The number of these delegates shall be determined as the difference between the sum of all the other categories of delegates at large, and ~~640:~~ 760.

Sec. 8. Division administrations shall consult with unions to ensure that the entire division delegation shall be comprised of ~~In the selection of regular delegates and delegates at large, organizations shall choose~~ Seventh-day Adventists in regular standing, at least 50 percent of whom shall be laypersons, pastors, teachers, and nonadministrative employees, of both genders, and representing a range of age groups and nationalities. The majority of the above 50 percent shall be laypersons. Delegate selections from General Conference and division institutions shall not be required to satisfy the quota for laity.

Sec. 9. Credentials to sessions shall be issued by the General Conference to those appointed in harmony with the provisions of this article.

Sec. 10. Calculations for all delegate allotments, as provided for in this article, shall be based ~~upon the membership as of December 31 of the second year preceding the General Conference Session.~~ upon:

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a. The membership as of December 31 of the second year preceding the General Conference Session.

b. The number of denominational entities eligible for inclusion in determining quotas and which are in existence as of December 31 of the second year preceding the General Conference Session.

Adjourned.

Robert J Kloosterhuis, Chairman
Maurice T Battle, Secretary
Athal H Tolhurst, Actions Editor
Carol E Rasmussen, Recording Secretary