

THIRTEENTH BUSINESS MEETING
Fifty-seventh General Conference Session
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
July 6, 2000, 2:10 p.m.

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114-00G GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDITING SERVICE—
STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

VOTED, 1. To revise the action of the 1995 General Conference Session, to read as follows:

A General Conference Auditing Service Board shall be elected at future General Conference Sessions. It will be composed of seventeen members, approximately two-thirds of whom must be nondenominationally employed Seventh-day Adventists, one from each division, chosen from qualified auditors and/or knowledgeable professionals in related fields. The chairperson of the Board shall be a layperson selected by the Board from among its members. One of the responsibilities of the Board will be to recommend to each regular General Conference Session Nominating Committee the name of an individual to serve as director of the General Conference Auditing Service and, after consultation with the respective divisions, names of individuals to serve as associate directors of the General Conference Auditing Service. A quorum of the General Conference Auditing Service Board shall be 50 percent plus one, the majority of whom shall be nondenominationally employed members.

2. To approve a General Conference Auditing Service (GCAS) Board, with its terms of reference and membership, as follows:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Adhere to the auditing policies of the General Conference and be responsible for all auditing and related functions for the world Church, in harmony with *Working Policy* SA 05 25.
2. Recommend a director for GCAS.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Power to act.
2. Recommend to General Conference Session Nominating Committee.

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| 3. | Recommend to each regular General Conference Session Nominating Committee, after consultation with the respective divisions, associate directors of GCAS. | 3. | Power to act. |
| 4. | Be responsible for the appointment of assistant directors of GCAS after consultation with the respective divisions. | 4. | Power to act. |
| 5. | Appoint officers and members of the GCAS Administrative Committee. | 5. | Power to act. |
| 6. | Approve terms of reference for the GCAS Administrative Committee. | 6. | Power to act. |
| 7. | Consider amendments to auditing policy. | 7. | Recommend to GC Policy Review and Development Committee. |
| 8. | Approve the annual GCAS operating budget as provided by GC Treasury and as recommended by the GCAS Administrative Committee. | 8. | Power to act. |
| 9. | Hold at least one meeting per year. | 9. | Power to act. |
| 10. | Present a report to Annual Council each year of auditing issues requiring attention of the General Conference Executive Committee. | 10. | Power to act. |
| 11. | Appoint a recording secretary for GCAS Board meetings. | 11. | Power to act. |

MEMBERS

Layperson, Chairperson
General Conference Vice President, Vice-chairman
Director of GCAS, Secretary

General Conference President
General Conference Secretary
General Conference Treasurer
Qualified Seventh-day Adventist auditors and/or other knowledgeable professionals in related fields not in denominational employment, one from each of the world divisions (inclusive of the chairperson).

3. To authorize the 2000 Annual Council to elect members of the General Conference Auditing Service Board other than the ex officio members elected by the 2000 General Conference Session.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RESCIND ACTION TO REFER *CHURCH*
MANUAL CHAPTER 15 BACK TO CHURCH MANUAL
COMMITTEE

Notice was given by one of the delegates of his intention to move, at the next business meeting, to rescind the action of the eleventh business meeting to refer the recommendation for amendments to Chapter 15 of the *Church Manual* to the General Conference Church Manual Committee for further study.

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125-00G AUDITING SERVICE AND AUDITS - GENERAL
CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article VIII—Auditing Service and Audits, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII—AUDITING SERVICE
AND AUDITS

Sec. 1. At each regular General Conference ~~session~~, Session, the General Conference shall elect a director of the General Conference Auditing Service, whose duties shall be to administer the conduct of audits of the organizations of the Church throughout the world. Associate directors ~~to serve from the General Conference~~ shall also be elected at each regular General Conference ~~session~~: Session. The director and associate directors ~~to serve in each division~~ shall be recommended by a the General Conference ~~auditing service operating board~~

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Auditing Service Board to the ~~Executive Committee~~ Session Nominating Committee after consultation with the administrations of the respective divisions.

References to service directors and associate service directors elsewhere in these Bylaws shall not apply to the director and associate directors of the General Conference Auditing Service, except as provided for in ~~that the director comes under the provisions of Article XIII, Sec. 1-a.~~ 1.-c.

Sec. 2. a. At each regular General Conference Session, the General Conference shall elect a General Conference Auditing Service Board which shall be constituted as follows: General Conference president, a General Conference vice president as subsequently assigned by the president, General Conference secretary, General Conference treasurer, director of the General Conference Auditing Service, and one member from each division who is not employed denominationally, chosen from among qualified Seventh-day Adventist auditors and/or other knowledgeable professionals in related fields. The chairperson of the Board shall be a layperson selected by the Board from among its members. The vice chairperson shall be the vice president of the General Conference who serves as a member of the Board. The secretary of the Board shall be the director of the General Conference Auditing Service.

b. A quorum of the General Conference Auditing Service Board shall be 50 percent plus one, the majority of whom shall be nondenominationally employed members.

~~Sec. 2.~~ Sec. 3. The General Conference Auditing Service, ever sensitive to the country-specific regulations governing the audits of denominational entities in a particular country, shall be responsible for all audits of world divisions; union conferences; union missions; conferences; missions; unions of churches; affiliated services, organizations, and institutions of the General Conference and every other administrative level; Adventist Development and Relief Agency country and regional administrations and ~~projects; projects (not audited by external auditors);~~ and special funds. Exceptions to the above requirements shall be by specific action of the Executive Committee.

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117-00G ELECTION - GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION
AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

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

~~ARTICLE V—ELECTION~~
ARTICLE VI—ELECTION

Sec. 1. The following shall be elected at each regular session of the General Conference:

a. A president, vice presidents, a secretary, an undersecretary, associate secretaries, division secretaries, a treasurer, an undertreasurer, associate treasurers, division treasurers, general field secretaries, a director and associate directors of the General Conference Auditing Service, ~~Service to serve from the General Conference~~, and a director/secretary and associate director/secretary (directors/secretaries) of each duly organized General Conference department and association as specified in Article X, Sec. 1. of the General Conference Bylaws.

b. A General Conference Auditing Service Board as provided for in the General Conference Bylaws, Article VIII, Sec. 2.-a.

Sec. 2. The following shall be approved by vote of the Executive Committee at a subsequent meeting, following recommendations from the division:

Other persons to serve as members of the Executive Committee as provided for in ~~Article VII~~, Article VIII, Sec. 1-b. 1.-b.

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119-00G APPOINTMENT - GENERAL CONFERENCE
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

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

~~ARTICLE VI—APPOINTMENT~~
ARTICLE VII—APPOINTMENT

The following shall be appointed at the first Annual Council of the Executive Committee following a regular ~~session~~: Session: a director of Archives and Statistics, ~~associate directors of the General Conference Auditing Service to serve in the divisions~~, a director and associate directors of the Biblical Research Institute, and editors and associate editors for the principal denominational journals prepared at the General Conference.

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PRESIDENTS OF UNIONS OF CHURCHES—EX OFFICIO MEMBERS
OF GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
RECOMMENDATION

VOTED, To refer to the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws Committee the recommendation that presidents of unions of churches be ex officio members of the General Conference Executive Committee.

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120-00G EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - GENERAL CONFERENCE
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution, Article VII—Executive Committee, to read as follows:

~~ARTICLE VII—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE~~
ARTICLE VIII—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee of the General Conference shall consist of:

a. Ex officio members—1) Those elected as provided for in ~~Article V,~~ Article VI, Sec. 1. except the director and associate directors of the General Conference Auditing Service and the associate directors/secretaries of General Conference departments and associations.

2) Presidents of union conferences, presidents of union missions, presidents of attached unions, past presidents of the General Conference holding credentials from the General Conference, the president-executive director of Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, ~~the president of Adventist Media Center Incorporated,~~ the president of Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, the editor of *Adventist Review*, the editor of Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide, the president of Adventist Risk Management Incorporated, the president-executive director of Adventist World Radio, the president of Andrews University, the director of Archives and Statistics, the director of Biblical Research Institute, the president of Christian Record Services Incorporated, the president and the director of Ellen G White Estate, the director of Geoscience Research Institute, the president of Home

Study International, the director of International Health Food Association, the president of Loma Linda University, the president of Loma Linda University Medical Center, the editor of *Ministry*, the president of Oakwood College, the president of Pacific Press Publishing Association, and the president of Review and Herald Publishing Association.

- b. Elected Members - No change

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121-00G TERM OF OFFICE - GENERAL CONFERENCE
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution, Article IX—Term of Office, to read as follows:

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

Sec. 1. All officers of the General Conference and those whose election is provided for in ~~Article V~~, Article VI, Sec. 1. shall hold office from the time they take up their duties until the next regular session or until their successors are elected and take up their duties. Their term of office, unless government requirements dictate otherwise, is not subject to division retirement policies, which may determine specific ages for mandatory retirements.

Sec. 2. Members of the Executive Committee provided for in ~~Article VII~~ Article VIII shall serve from the time of their election until the next regular session.

Sec. 3. All those who are appointed to serve the General Conference as provided for in ~~Article VI~~, Article VII shall serve from the time they take up their appointment until their successors are appointed and take up their duties, or until the position is terminated. The appointments provided for in ~~Article VI~~ Article VII shall be reviewed at the first Annual Council of the Executive Committee following the General Conference session.

Sec. 4. Service as outlined in Sec. 1. to Sec. 3. above may be terminated for cause as provided for in General Conference Bylaws, Article XIII, Sec. 1.

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TERM LIMITS FOR PRESIDENTS - REQUEST

VOTED, To request the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws Committee to consider an amendment to Article X of the Constitution limiting service by General Conference presidents to two consecutive terms of service.

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122-00G CORPORATIONS AND AGENTS - GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution, Article X—Corporations and Agents, to read as follows:

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

Sec. 1. ~~Corporations may be authorized by the General Conference in session or by the Executive Committee.~~ The establishment of corporations to serve the General Conference shall be authorized by either a General Conference Session or by an Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. ~~The General Conference Corporation is a legal entity formed to hold title to General Conference assets, to serve the General Conference in carrying out its purposes, and to receive gifts and legacies for the General Conference unincorporated.~~ The General Conference Corporation is a legal entity formed to serve the General Conference in carrying out its purposes.

Sec. 3. ~~At each regular session of the General Conference, the delegates shall elect the trustees of corporate bodies connected with this organization that may be required by the statutory laws governing each corporate body.~~ At each regular General Conference Session, the delegates shall elect the trustees of the General Conference Corporation.

Sec. 4. ~~The Executive Committee shall appoint or employ agents and other persons as necessary to execute its work effectively.~~

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123-00G TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION - GENERAL
CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws,
Article I—Territorial Administration, to read as follows:

ARTICLE I—TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1. The General Conference - No change

Sec. 2. a. The duly organized divisions are: Africa-Indian Ocean Division, ~~Asia-Pacific Division~~, Eastern Africa Division, Euro-Africa Division, Euro-Asia Division, Inter-American Division, North American Division, Northern Asia-Pacific Division, South American Division, ~~Southern Asia Division~~, South Pacific Division, Southern Asia Division, Southern Asia-Pacific Division, and Trans-European Division. The boundaries of these divisions shall be subject to adjustment only at ~~sessions~~ Sessions of the General Conference or at ~~annual councils~~ Annual Councils of the Executive Committee.

b. The duly organized attached union is: Southern Africa Union Conference.

c. ~~Additional territories are: China and Mongolia.~~

Sec. 3. If a territorial adjustment - No change

Sec. 4. Union conferences - No change

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124-00G STANDING COMMITTEES - GENERAL CONFERENCE
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws,
Article II—Standing Committees, to read as follows:

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ARTICLE II—STANDING COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. At each regular session of the General Conference, such standing committees as may be found necessary, including the following, shall be elected to consider items of business that may be referred to them and to bring in their reports and recommendations to the session:

- a. Church Manual Committee
- a: b. Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- c. Nominating Committee
- b: d. Plans Committee
- e: ~~Nominating Committee~~

Sec. 2. Church Manual Committee: The chairperson of the Church Manual Committee shall be an officer of the General Conference.

~~Sec. 2.~~ Sec. 3. Constitution and Bylaws Committee: The chairperson of the Constitution and Bylaws committee shall be an officer of the General Conference.

~~Sec. 3.~~ Sec. 4. Nominating Committee: a. The membership of the Nominating Committee shall consist of the following:

1) Each division and each attached union shall be entitled to select for membership on the Nominating Committee ten percent of its ~~remaining~~ delegation to the session, after excluding ~~the number of the additional delegates at large allocated by the General Conference and any delegates at large employed by the General Conference and~~ or its institutions.

2) Delegates at large who are excluded under 1) above shall be entitled to representation on the Nominating Committee equal to ~~ten~~ eight percent of ~~the total number of Nominating Committee members appointed by each division and each attached union. These additional members shall be chosen from the delegates at large who are not participating in the caucus meetings of each division and each attached union.~~ their total number.

- b. The members of the Nominating Committee shall be chosen as follows:

1) Each division delegation and each attached union delegation shall act as a unit in selecting members to which it is entitled. Excluded from this process shall be ~~the additional delegates at large allocated by the General Conference, and any delegates at large employed by the General Conference~~ and or its institutions.

2) ~~The additional delegates at large allocated by the General Conference shall, with any~~ The delegates at large employed by the General Conference ~~and or its institutions, institutions shall~~ act as a unit in selecting members to which they are entitled.

3) The election of - No change

c. Each division delegation and attached union delegation - No change

d. Those chosen as members - No change

e. Delegates elected under the provisions of ~~Article V, Sec. 1.,~~ Article VI, Sec. 1. of the Constitution shall not be members of the Nominating Committee.

f. No delegate shall nominate - No change

g. The Nominating Committee shall elect - No change

h. The Nominating Committee shall limit - No change

i. In order to expedite the work - No change

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT #11

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

General Conference

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries
Associate Director:
Martin W Feldbush

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Communication Department

Associate Directors:

John T J Banks

Charlotte Pedersen McClure

Education Department

Associate Directors:

Enrique Becerra

C Garland Dulan

John M Fowler

Family Ministries Department

Associate Director:

Karen M Flowers

Health Ministries Department

Associate Directors:

James M Crawford (LLU)

Richard H Hart (LLU)

Joyce W Hopp (LLU)

Patricia L Jones (LLU)

Kathleen Kuntaraf

P N Landless

Stoy E Proctor

Thomas J Zirkle (LLU)

Ministerial Association

Associate Secretaries:

Sharon M Cress

Willmore D Eva

Peter J Prime

Joel Sarli

Nikolaus Satelmajer

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department

Associate Directors:

D Douglas Devnich

Jonathan Gallagher

Publishing Department
Associate Director:
Howard F Faigao

Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department
Associate Director:
Jonathan Kuntaraf

Stewardship Department
Associate Director:
Stenio Gungadoo

Trust Services Department
Associate Directors:
Mary Atenio Ang'awa
David E Johnston

Women's Ministries Department
Associate Director:
Lynnetta Siagian Hamstra

Youth Department
Associate Directors:
Alfredo A Garcia-Marenko
Robert W Holbrook

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTISTS—LEGAL MEETING

A meeting of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists was convened to approve the members of the Corporation Board which had been recommended by the Session Nominating Committee, as follows:

General Conference Corporation Board

Harold W Baptiste
Matthew A Bediako
Lowell C Cooper
Gary B DeBoer

David E Johnston
Dennis C Keith Sr
Robert E Lemon
Jan Paulsen

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Juan R Prestol
Robert L Rawson
Donald E Robinson
Donald R Sahly
Don C Schneider

Robert L Swezey
Athol H Tolhurst
Jeffrey K Wilson
Ted N C Wilson

Adjourned.

Matthew A Bediako, Robert J Kloosterhuis, Chairmen
Harold W Baptiste, Secretary
Athol H Tolhurst, Actions Editor
Rowena J Moore, Recording Secretary