

FOURTEENTH BUSINESS MEETING
 Fifty-ninth General Conference Session
 Atlanta, Georgia
 July 2, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Prayer was offered by Ray House of the North American Division, followed by a time of prayer with Mark A Finley and Ted N C Wilson of the General Conference.

REPORT FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Michael L Ryan reported the Steering Committee's commitment to women and youth being more involved in leadership and educational training. They want to provide more opportunities for a mentoring experience and involve women and youth more in the planning, mission, and discipling endeavors of the Church.

The Steering Committee also believes the theology, function, and practice of ordination to be important facets of Church life. The General Conference administration commits to establishing a process to review the subject of ordination and will report to Annual Council during this quinquennium.

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224-10GS DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES - CONSTITUTION
 AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

Provision is made to allow members of a division committee to participate via telephone conference calls or similar communication.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article XIV—Division Executive Committees, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIV—DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. In each division, a division executive committee shall be constituted - No change

Sec. 2. The ex-officio members of a division executive committee shall be - No change

Sec. 3. The actions taken by division executive committees pertaining to the administration of affairs in division territories shall be considered final, provided they are in harmony with the plans and policy of the General Conference as set forth in the Constitution and

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Bylaws and with ~~its~~ General Conference Executive Committee actions. ~~actions at Annual Councils.~~

Sec. 4. Five members of a division executive committee, including the ~~Chair,~~ chair, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of routine business. When the chair is unable to be present, the secretary may convene such a meeting at division headquarters and shall serve as chair. Minority meetings of fewer than five members of the division executive committee may be held for the transaction of necessary routine business, but actions taken at such meetings shall not be final until the minutes of such meetings have been approved in a meeting with a quorum present. A quorum of ten members or 25 percent of the committee membership, whichever is greater, is required for the disposition of nonroutine items such as major financial decisions, the dismissal of elected and appointed employees, and the appointment of union mission officers. To the extent permitted by applicable law, division executive committee members may participate in meetings by means of a telephone conference or similar communications by which all persons participating can hear each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting.

Sec. 5. Notice as to time, place, and other requirements under these Bylaws of all division executive committee meetings shall be provided to all members in a reasonable manner appropriate for the jurisdiction.

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205-10GSc APPOINTMENT - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment adds the appointment of boards and committees to the responsibilities of the General Conference Executive Committee.

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

ARTICLE VII—APPOINTMENT BY THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following shall be appointed at the first Annual Council of the Executive Committee following a regular session: a director of Archives and Statistics, a director and associate directors of the Biblical Research Institute, a director and research scientists of the Geoscience Research Institute, ~~and~~ editors and associate editors for the principal denominational journals

prepared at the General Conference, and any other non-departmental positions which have been established and filled by General Conference Executive Committee appointment. This Annual Council shall also appoint the membership of standing committees and various operating boards which have been established and filled by General Conference Executive Committee appointment.

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205-10GSg DEPARTMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS—DIRECTORS/
SECRETARIES, ASSOCIATES, AND ASSISTANTS -
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

The following proposal amends the General Conference Bylaws by reflecting name changes of two departments and addresses changes to department or association structure which take place at times other than in connection with a General Conference Session.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article X—Departments and Associations—Directors/Secretaries, Associates, and Assistants, to read as follows:

ARTICLE X—DEPARTMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS—
DIRECTORS/SECRETARIES, ASSOCIATES, AND ASSISTANTS

Sec. 1. Departmental and association directors/secretaries and associate directors/secretaries shall be elected by the General Conference Session and assistants shall be appointed as determined by the General Conference Executive Committee to serve the world Church through the Ministerial Association and the following departments: Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, Children’s Ministries, Communication, Education, Family Ministries, Health Ministries, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, Publishing Ministries, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, ~~Stewardship~~, Stewardship Ministries, Planned Giving and Trust Services, Women’s Ministries, and Youth ~~Ministries~~. Ministries.

Should changes to the departmental structure of the General Conference be deemed necessary, such changes may be approved and implemented by action of the General Conference Executive Committee in Annual Council and continued subject to ratification at the next General Conference Session. When additions or changes to department or association structures are implemented at times other than in connection with a General Conference Session, the General Conference Executive Committee at an Annual Council shall also address the staffing needs involved until the next General Conference Session.

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Sec. 2. The departmental, association, agency, and service directors/secretaries shall work under the direction of the president and the General Conference Executive Committee. Departmental, association, agency, and service personnel shall function in an advisory capacity to the field.

Sec. 3. The term “associate director/secretary” shall - No change

Sec. 4. The term “assistant director/secretary” shall be used to designate those persons who are appointed as determined by the General Conference Executive Committee to assist the director/secretary and associates in any department, association, agency, or service in carrying out the work of the General Conference, usually in one or more special procedures or functions. Such persons, who shall work under the direction of their respective departmental, association, agency, or service directors/secretaries, shall fulfill these special assignments largely in the office and serve to expedite the work of the departmental, association, agency, or service staff. Field appointments for assistants shall be of a very limited nature.

Sec. 5. Departmental and association directors/secretaries, associates, and - No change

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225-10GS AUDIT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to more correctly reflect nomenclature for the work done for an annual compliance review.

VOTED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws, Article XV—Audit of the General Conference, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV—AUDIT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference Executive Committee shall have an audit of the financial statements of the General Conference and of the General Conference Corporation conducted by an external auditor at least once each calendar year. The external auditor shall also conduct an annual policy compliance ~~audit~~ test of these organizations, and shall report annually the results of ~~these audits~~ the financial audit and policy compliance test to the General Conference Executive Committee and to the General Conference at its regular sessions.

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227-10GS APPROPRIATIONS - CONSTITUTION AND
BYLAWS AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed amendment clarifies the appropriate Executive Committee and limits General Conference appropriations to the extent permitted by law.

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

ARTICLE XIX—APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 1. The General Conference Executive Committee shall make its regular appropriations to the world field at Annual Councils. These appropriations are to be based on budget requests from the fields.

Sec. 2. Appropriations shall be made subject to the receipt of the full - No change

Sec. 3. Appropriations for major projects shall be held in trust for the - No change

Sec. 4. All funds raised in the divisions, except the regular funds belonging - No change

Sec. 5. To the extent permitted by law, General Conference funds in all the world shall be made available to meet the annual appropriations of the General Conference.

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229-10GS INDEMNIFICATION - CONSTITUTION AND
BYLAWS AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment clarifies the indemnification provisions of the Bylaws extending indemnification to include delegates to the General Conference Session.

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

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ARTICLE XXI—INDEMNIFICATION

Sec. 1. To the extent permitted by law, the General Conference shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, because he/she is or was a member of the General Conference Executive ~~Committee~~ Committee, a delegate to a General Conference Session, or an officer, employee, or agent of the General Conference against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if he/she acted in good faith and in a manner he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the General Conference, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his/her conduct was unlawful.

Sec. 2. This right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such person ~~member of the Executive Committee or officer~~ may be entitled.

Prayer was offered by Otoniel Trunillo of the Inter-American Division.

Michael L Ryan, Chair
Claude Sabot, Secretary
Larry R Evans, Actions Editor
Tamara K Boward, Recording Secretary