

Minutes of Constitution Revision Membership Meeting

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Lynda Shannon, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:30pm

Mary-Jane Cross, Clerk, confirmed a quota of 78 members were present.

L Shannon called for a motion to appoint a moderator / parliamentarian. W McEvoy / R Burnham moved to appoint Ted Fetter, past Metro District President, as moderator / parliamentarian – passed unanimously.

Revisions Proposed to Move/Discuss/Vote

1. L Shannon / R Burnham moved to accept the changes proposed for Article III – Purpose (simplified, clarified). The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
2. L Shannon / L Hudson moved to accept the changes proposed for Article V – Governance (updated for policy governance, Senior Minister made CEO). After a discussion about mandating the role of Chief Executive Officer for the Senior Minister, the motion passed with 2 opposed.
3. W McEvoy / R Burnham moved to accept the changes proposed for Article VI – Membership (updated to current practice for monitoring membership roster). The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
4. W McEvoy / M Bishop moved to accept the changes proposed for Article VII - Membership Meetings (updated to current practice for monitoring membership roster). The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
5. L Shannon / MJ Cross moved to accept the changes proposed for Article VIII - Board of Trustees (updated for policy governance, limits of Board's powers spelled out, names of officers updated, list of standing committees removed, Audit Committee made a committee of the Board). After a few clarifying questions were asked and answered, the motion passed unanimously.
6. W McEvoy / M Bishop moved to delete current Article IX – Officers (existing article deleted, duties of officers moved to policies). The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
7. W McEvoy / R Burnham moved to accept the changes proposed for Article IX (NEW) - Elections and Vacancies (existing article deleted, duties of officers moved to policies). A clerical error was noted and fixed: the acronym NLDC was replaced by the full title “Nominating and Leadership Development Committee”. The motion, as adjusted, passed unanimously without discussion.
8. S Mollica / T Hearne moved to accept the changes proposed for Article X - Elected Committees of the Congregation (existing article deleted, duties of officers moved to policies). The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
9. S Mollica / MC Bue moved to accept the changes addition of Article XI – Indemnification (NEW, recommended by attorney). After a discussion about the intent, meaning and appropriateness of the article, the motion passed with 1 opposed.
10. I Mason / C Onyemelukwe moved to accept the changes proposed for Article XII –

call or terminate a minister updated). The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

11. W McEvoy / MJ Cross moved to accept the changes proposed for Article XIV – Amendments (time limit for ratifying amendments spelled out). The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
12. W McEvoy /S Mollica moved to accept the changes proposed for Article XVI - Governance Policies (updated “Bylaws” to “Governance Policies”). The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
13. R Burnham / D Haffner moved to approve the Constitution as amended at this meeting. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
MJ Cross, Board Clerk