



BYLAWS OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED CHANGES

2022

1. **Purpose**- This amendment expands on the core purpose of the Northern California Conference. As Seventh-day Adventists, we have been given a special mission from Jesus that includes all believers in Christ to the end of time. We are called to make disciples by connecting them to Christ Jesus and experience joy and fullness of life in Him here and now and teaching them to make other disciples in preparation for Christ's soon return.
2. **Territory** – This amendment further clarifies the territory of the Conference in two ways. It makes the bylaws consistent with actual practice. (See Article III, Section—Territory and Principal Office).
3. **Nominating Committee:** This change adds a new section—The Nominating Committee. The proposed subsection C. provides direction and guidance for the selection of nominating committee members, including the number of members who serve on the nominating committee, who serves as its chair, and that the varied backgrounds of church members, including age, ethnicity, location of residence, vocation, and gender shall be represented. It ensures a majority of non-conference employee representation on the nominating committee. (See Article V, Section 1. C. Territory and Principal Office).
4. **Notice Requirement After Receipt of Request for a Special Session:** This editorial amendment clarifies the use of the term "notice", has specific requirements, stated in Article V Section 4 that apply to all types of constituency sessions. It clarifies that when the Executive Committee receives a proper request for a Special Session, it must give notice of a Special Session to the delegates within 90 days of receipt of the request. (See Article V, Section 2. —Special Session).
5. **Emergency Reschedule or Change of Venue of Session:** This new section makes provision to postpone or change the venue of a constituency session due to emergency circumstances. If conditions continue greater than 12 months, a Virtual Constituency Session shall be called. (See Article V, Section 3. A. B.)
6. **Clarifying Notices for Constituency Sessions:** This amendment clarifies that the notice published in the *Pacific Union Recorder*, does not satisfy any other written notices requirement to be made to the delegates of a constituency session. (See Article V, Section 3. C.)
7. **Notice requirements when Rescheduling or Changing the Venue of Emergency Constituency Sessions:** This amendment clarifies that the notice published in the *Pacific Union Recorder*, does not satisfy any other written notices requirement to be made to the delegates of a constituency session. (See Article V, Section 3. D.)
8. **Delegates for Special Sessions:** This amendment would help expedite the selection of delegates that need to be replaced and would allow sufficient time for them to receive the written notices and delegate materials in preparation for the Session. (See Article V, Section 5. A. [4].)
9. **Clerical Change on Method of Placement of Items on the Agenda:** There is a minor change from 5 to 6 and removes the previous section 6 to a new section on the "Method of Placement of Items on the Agenda" (See Article V, Section 5. And Section 6.)
10. **Procedures for Placement of Items on Constituency Session Agendas:** This new amendment provides a process for how churches may place items on the Constituency Session agenda as recommended by the Executive Committee and approval of the agenda at the Constituency Session for the purpose of allowing sufficient time to receive information and to make informed decisions. (See Article V, Section 7. A.-F.)