

61st Session of the
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REVISED AGENDA

HMM 206. 204-22GS **General Conference Executive Committee - Constitution and Bylaws Amendment (Constitution Article VIII) [2]**

HMM 208. 202-22GSa **General Conference Sessions - Constitution and Bylaws Amendment (Constitution Article V) [4]**

1 SEC/Con&By/SecC/211-17GS/204-18GS/Con&By/ADCOM/OGC/Con&By/Con&By/
2 ADCOM/SecC/GCDO19AC/19AC/203-19GS/203-20GS/203-21GS/Con&By(St Louis) to
3 HMM-22GCS

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5 204-22GS GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -
6 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT

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8 RATIONALE: This amendment accomplishes the following:
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10 1. Removes Christian Record Services from the list of General Conference-
11 sponsored entities, as it is now sponsored by the North American Division (page 1, line 36),
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13 2. Clarifies that the position of editor for *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* is
14 the same person (page 1, line 40).
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16 3. Defines the term “frontline employee” with the use of examples (page 2, lines
17 3-4).
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19 4. Provides an approval process for the minutes of the General Conference
20 Executive Committee, including Annual Council and Spring Meeting (page 2, lines 14-18).
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22 RECOMMENDED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution
23 Article VIII—General Conference Executive Committee, to read as follows:
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25 ARTICLE VIII—GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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27 Sec. 1. The Executive Committee of the General Conference shall consist of:
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- 29 a. Ex Officio Members—1) Those elected as provided for in - No change
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31 2) Presidents of unions, past presidents of the General - No change
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33 3) The president-executive director of each of the following
34 organizations provided the respective organization remains classified as a General Conference-
35 sponsored entity: Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, Adventist
36 International Institute of Advanced Studies, Adventist Risk Management, Adventist University
37 of Africa, Adventist World Radio, Andrews University, ~~Christian Record Services~~, Hope
38 Channel, Loma Linda University Health, Review and Herald Publishing Association.
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40 4) The editor of each of the following publications: ~~Adventist Review,~~
41 ~~Adventist World,~~ Adventist Review/Adventist World, Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide,
42 Ministry.
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44 5) The director of each of the following - No change
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46 6) The president and board chair of Ellen G White - No change

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2 b. Elected Members—1) Three laypersons and one church pastor from each
3 division without regard to membership size up to 500,000 members. One additional church
4 pastor or other ~~frontline denominational employee~~ denominational employee, with direct mission
5 contact, such as Bible worker, health care professional, literature evangelist, teacher, etc, for
6 each additional 500,000 members or major portion thereof. The above laypersons, pastors, and
7 other denominational employees shall be selected by each division executive committee from
8 individuals recommended by the union executive committees and shall be Seventh-day
9 Adventists in regular standing.

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11 2) No fewer than fifteen and no more than twenty - No change

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13 3) No fewer than fifteen and no more than twenty - No change

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15 Sec. 2. Minutes of the General Conference Executive Committee, including those of
16 Annual Council and Spring Meeting, shall be approved at the next meeting of the General
17 Conference Executive Committee, after such minutes have been circulated electronically to the
18 Executive Committee members.

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2 SecC/GCDO19AC/19AC/201-19GS/SEC/Con&By/ADCOM/PreC/SecC/TreC/GCDO20AC/
3 SEC/ADCOM(Steering)/20AC/201-20GSa/201-21GSa/22GCS(Special)/Con&By/ADCOM/
4 Con&By/ADCOM/SecC/GCDO22SM/22SM/202-22GSa/Con&By(St Louis) to HMM-22GCS

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6 214-22GSa GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS - CONSTITUTION
7 AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT
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9 RATIONALE: This amendment allows the General Conference Executive Committee to review
10 and extend the postponement of General Conference Sessions and determine the timing for a
11 subsequent Session after a postponement.
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13 RECOMMENDED, To amend the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws, Constitution
14 Article V—General Conference Sessions, to read as follows:
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16 ARTICLE V—GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS
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18 Sec. 1. The General Conference shall hold quinquennial sessions at such time and place
19 as the General Conference Executive Committee shall designate and announce by a notice
20 published in the *Adventist Review* or *Adventist World* or other publications voted by the General
21 Conference Executive Committee in three consecutive months beginning at least four months
22 before the date for the opening of the Session. In case special world conditions make it
23 imperative to postpone the calling of the Session, the General Conference Executive Committee,
24 in regular or special council, shall have authority to make such postponement, not to exceed two
25 years giving notice to all constituent organizations. In the event that the General Conference
26 Executive Committee exercises its authority to postpone a Session, it shall also have the
27 authority to set the subsequent regular Session at such time and place as it shall see fit, not to
28 exceed five calendar years from the date the postponed Session was convened.
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30 Sec. 2. The General Conference Executive Committee may call - No change
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32 Sec. 3. At least one-third of the total delegates authorized hereinafter - No change
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34 Sec. 4. Generally, regular or specially called General Conference - No change
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36 Sec. 5. The delegates to a General Conference Session shall be - No change
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38 Sec. 6. Regular delegates shall represent the General Conference's - No change
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40 Sec. 7. Regular delegates shall be allotted on the following - No change
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42 Sec. 8. Delegates at large shall represent the General - No change
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44 Sec. 9. Division administrations shall consult with unions to ensure - No change
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46 Sec. 10. Credentials to sessions shall be issued by the - No change

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Sec. 11. Calculations for all delegate allotments, as provided - No change