

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE USA
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO THE 2003 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
APPENDIX II

Amendments to the Bylaws
(in the combined document, regular text)
recommended by the Executive Board

First, at the end of the last paragraph of the Introduction to the combined Constitution and Bylaws document, add the following new sentence –

“As is traditional in ecumenical usage, the term "the Church" refers to the one, holy community intended by God and toward which we turn as our ecumenical goal.”

and change “church” to “Church” in the Bylaws, Article V, Section 5.B (on page 38 of the October 2003 working draft).

Second, amend the Bylaws, Article II, Section 2.B.4.G) (on page 12 of the October 2003 working draft) by deleting in the last sentence the words “may apply” and substituting the words “shall not be eligible”.

Third, amend the Bylaws, Article III, Section 7.B.3 by inserting the following new clause H) and redesignating the existing clauses H), I) and J) as I), J) and K), respectively (on page 26 of the October 2003 working draft):

- “H) Present to the General Assembly for election to the Executive Board pursuant to Article VIII, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution (i) nominations of five persons and up to five proxies for such persons by the Board of Directors of CWS Inc., (ii) nominations of two official representatives and up to two alternate representatives by each member communion from the General Assembly delegation of such member communion, and (iii) nominations of one representative and one alternate representative by each Commission.”

Fourth, amend the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4 (on page 30 of the October 2003 working draft) to read as follows:

“The quorum for these meetings shall be one-third of the membership of the Executive Board, provided that those persons present represent one-third of the member communions that are represented on the Executive Board.”

Fifth, amend the Bylaws, Article V, Section 3.D (on page 37 of the October 2003 working draft) to read as follows:

- “D. The chairs and vice-chairs of Commissions are elected by the General Assembly on nomination of the Nominations Committee, with the advice and counsel of the Commission. The chairs and vice-chairs of Commissions must be from member communions of the Council.”

Sixth, amend the Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1 (on page 44 of the October 2003 working draft) to read as follows:

“Section 1. General Rules of Order

- “A. Except insofar as inconsistent with provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws or Standing Rules, Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, latest edition, shall be the official parliamentary authority for all formal bodies of the Council.
- “B. Any one or more members of any General Assembly committee or of the Executive Board or of any committee thereof or of any Commission or of any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of such Board, Commission or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.
- “C. No action may be taken by any Board, Commission or committee by written vote without a meeting unless all its members consent in writing to adoption of the resolution taking the action.”