

Sections Regarding Delegate & Pre-session Meetings
Selected from the Bylaws of the Southeastern California Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Section 6.3: Delegates. Constituent congregations shall be represented at each Constituency Session by members they elect as regular delegates on the basis of one delegate for the constituent congregation and one additional delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof (51% or more), as of the close of the preceding calendar year. The regular delegates, as selected from each respective constituent congregation, should reflect the ethnicity, age, and gender of each constituent congregation such that when seated the regular delegates fairly represent the ethnicity, age, and gender of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as a whole. No constituent congregation shall elect as a regular delegate any person who will be a delegate-at-large (Section 6.3.a). Following each Conference Constituency Session the regular delegates are expected to make a formal report of the Session to their respective appointing constituent congregations.

Section 6.3.a: Conference Delegates-at-Large. Delegates-at-large shall be Conference officers, associate officers, and assistant officers (Sections 7.1, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7); members of the Executive Committee (Section 8.1); and members of the Bylaws Committee (Section 9.1); departmental directors and their associate directors (Article 10); all persons holding ministerial credentials and licenses issued by the Conference; all full-time principals of educational institutions of the Conference; all Conference Bible Instructors; all Associates in Pastoral Care; and the Conference representatives to the Executive Committees of the Pacific Union, the North American Division, and the General Conference.

Section 6.3.b: Non-Conference Delegates-at-Large. Non-Conference delegates-at-large shall be the officers of the Pacific Union Conference, the North American Division and the General Conference, and the Pacific Union Conference Directors of Asian-Pacific Ministries, Spanish Ministries, and the Regional Affairs Department in attendance. The

number of non-Conference delegates-at-large in attendance and participating shall not exceed ten percent of the regular delegates eligible to attend.

Section 6.4.b: Election of Regular Delegates. Not later than sixteen weeks prior to the Constituency Session each constituent congregation shall elect its delegates as specified at a business meeting (Section 6.3). These delegates shall select one of their number or a delegate-at-large who is a member of their constituent congregation to chair the delegation. The pastor, church administrator, or first elder shall at once convey to the Secretary of the Conference the roster of delegates, indicating the chair and the name(s) of the constituent congregation's representative(s) on the Committee to Select the Nominating Committee (Section 6.4.e).

Section 6.4.d: Pre-Session Church Business Meeting. Not later than nine weeks prior to a regular Constituency Session each constituent congregation shall convene a business meeting at which its delegates shall be present, to discuss the Session and possible agenda items, to propose amendments to the Conference's Bylaws, and to suggest the names of lay persons (Section 8.1) eligible to serve on the Executive Committee.

Section 6.4.e: Committee to Select the Nominating Committee. The Committee to Select the Nominating Committee is a pro tempore committee consisting of one delegate for each constituent congregation and one additional delegate for each five hundred members or major fraction thereof (51% or more). The members of this Committee may be either regular delegates or delegates-at-large (Section 6.3, 6.3.a). The Conference President or Secretary shall preside until the Committee elects its chair. The Committee shall then elect one of its members as secretary. Not later than eight weeks prior to the Constituency Session the Committee shall elect the Nominating Committee (Section 6.5.a). The Committee to Select the Nominating Committee shall complete its work not later than seven weeks prior to the Constituency Session with minutes mailed to all delegates within seven days. The Conference President and the Union Conference President or their designees shall serve as advisors to the Committee

to Select the Nominating Committee.

Section 6.4.f: Area Pre-session Meetings. Not later than seven weeks prior to a Constituency Session, the Conference officers (Section 7.1) and representatives of the Executive Committee shall meet with delegates in areas of the Conference designated by the Executive Committee to discuss matters pertaining to the Constituency Session. The Executive Committee shall elect a chair for each meeting. Delegates may propose agenda items, which by majority vote shall be referred to the Executive Committee to be considered for inclusion on the Constituency Session agenda. By a Yes or No vote, delegates at each area meeting shall indicate their preference for or against retaining incumbent Conference administrative personnel, which information shall be referred to the Nominating Committee and the Executive Committee, including the number of votes for and against. Delegates at each area meeting may also propose amendments to the Conferences Bylaws, which by majority vote shall be referred to the Bylaws Committee for consideration.