

Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
BYLAWS

ARTICLE 2. CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY

2.1 Membership and Constituents. Conference membership shall consist of such churches as have been or shall be organized in accordance with the published policies of the General Conference and the Pacific Union Conference. All regular delegates to constituency sessions shall be elected from the conference membership. Together, the regular delegates and delegates at large shall comprise the conference constituency. The conference has no members within the meaning of the California Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law.

2.2 Regular Delegates. Regular delegates shall consist of the delegates from the churches, each church being entitled to a minimum of one (1) delegate, plus one (1) additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof. If, using this formula, the number of regular delegates will exceed one thousand (1,000), then prior to the election of regular delegates, the executive committee will increase the number "fifty (50)" in the preceding sentence to that whole, even number that will cause the number of regular delegates not to exceed one thousand (1,000). Delegates shall be elected as outlined in the Church Manual.

2.2.1 Election of Regular Delegates. Prior to each session the president and secretary with the advice and consent of the executive committee, shall initiate and administer procedures for the election of regular delegates. Each church shall elect its delegates in compliance with the Church Manual at a business meeting of the church and provide the information required under Section 2.2.2 not later than sixteen (16) weeks prior to the session.

2.2.2 Election of Delegation Chair and Pre-Session Committee Member. These delegates shall elect a delegation chair and, for a regular session, a pre-session committee member. Positions of delegation chair and pre-session committee member shall be filled by either a regular delegate or a delegate at large who is a member of the church delegation. The pastor, church administrator or first elder shall immediately convey to the secretary the roster of the church delegation, including an e-mail address for each delegate (except as provided in Section 12.19.4) and indicating the delegation chair and the pre-session committee member.

2.2.3 Duties of Delegation Chair. The delegation chair shall assist the pastor to encourage active participation of delegates during the session, explain procedures to delegates, answer questions of delegates, and provide other assistance as required or requested by the delegation. The delegation chair should arrange to attend any pre-session forums or other presentations made prior to the regular session.

2.2.4 Rosters of Delegates, Delegation Chairs and Pre-Session Committee. The secretary shall send to each pastor, church administrator and first elder a copy of the rosters of all delegates, delegation chairs and the members of the pre-session committee.

2.3 Delegates at Large. Delegates at large, who shall not exceed regular delegates in number, shall be as follows:

2.3.1 Committee Members. Members of the executive committee, the bylaws committee, and the nominating committee who are not otherwise delegates;

2.3.2 Licenses/Credentials. Persons to whom this conference has issued, and who are currently holding, administrative ministries credentials, administrative ministries licenses, commissioned minister credentials, commissioned minister licenses, commissioned ministry of teaching credentials, ministerial credentials, ministerial licenses, or missionary credentials; and

2.3.3 Executive Committees of the PUC and the NAD. Members of the executive committees of the Pacific Union Conference and the North American Division who may be present at any constituency session. The number of delegates under this Section 2.3.3 shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total number of the regular delegates provided for in Section 2.2 of these bylaws.