

Proposed Changes to the Standing Rules

Please review the following proposed changes for the Standing Rules in 2019. These will be voted on at the Annual meeting on October 6, 2018.

The Standing Rules committee has corrected spelling and grammar and added clarification of acronyms. These changes are not presented for voting because they don't affect policy in any way.

NOTE: ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates the removal of an item. *Italics* indicates the addition of an item and [for explanations]

Article 1-Elections

~~Section 8. No member of the Conference Committee on Nominations shall be eligible for one year for nomination as a conference officer with exception of the person to be nominated as chairperson of the Committee on Nominations unless approved by the Administrative Committee. (Section 8 does not apply to the District.)~~

Article 2-Meetings

Section 5. [At end of paragraph add:]-*In emergency contact Conference President.*

Article 3-Funds

Section 2. The Conference shall establish an Administration and Membership Development Fund: (A & MD Fund). This fund is to include monies for both Conference and District UMW. ~~The percentage of the A & MD Fund budget shall be reviewed each year by the Finance Committee, and any change of the percentage shall be who will recommended by this committee~~ propose the accepted budget to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee reviews and proposes a budget to the members attending the Fall Annual Gathering. The final budget is voted in by those members.

Section 5. [wording changed for clarification-no change in policy]

Section 11. The following Conference Officers ~~may~~ *are expected to attend* ~~World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (WFMUCW), UMW Assembly and North Central Jurisdiction:~~ President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee on Nominations Chair, ~~plus six additional elected or appointed Conference officers~~ *Language Coordinator and any additional Conference Officers required by National.*

Additional Conference Officers who wish to attend and request reimbursement may apply for scholarship based on funds available and determined by the Executive Team.

~~Section 12~~ *An Assembly-Jurisdiction fund shall be established by the Conference with monies being held in the Conference treasury.*

[followed by Expenses will be paid from the Assembly-Jurisdiction fund as follows...]

[Add-formerly part of Section 11]-*Section 12. The President or a proxy is ~~required~~ invited to attend World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (WFMUCW) and Church Women United (CWU) with expenses paid by the Conference.*

A CWU-WFMUCW fund shall be established by the Conference with monies being held in the Conference treasury

Expenses will be paid from the CWU-WFMUCW Fund as follows: registration, meals, lodging, reimbursement for travel if within the contiguous US as determined by the Executive Committee prior to the event. For personally arranged travel, the rate of reimbursement will be determined by the Conference Executive Committee.

The President or a proxy is required to attend the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. If the Conference President is not elected by the Minnesota Annual Conference as a delegate to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference or General Conference, the Conference UMW will pay the expenses for her or a proxy to attend as a visitor if located within the contiguous United States.

Article 4-Expenses of Officers

[Add] Section 6: The Conference President and the UMW Liaison to Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) are members of the MN COSROW. Their expenses to attend COSROW meetings will be paid by the Conference UMW.

Article 5-Committees

Section 3. [Last 2 sentences] Suggestions for revision or amendments to the Conference Standing Rules shall be sent in writing to the Chairperson of this committee *by April 1 each year. Final revisions shall be sent to the Conference **TWO MONTHS** prior to the Conference Annual Meeting.*

Section 4. The Finance Committee of the Conference shall be composed of the Treasurer who serves as chairperson, President, Secretary, the Treasurer of each District, *Communication Coordinator, Program Coordinator and Business Manager of Mission u.*

Section 8

[Add after first paragraph] The Emma Norton Designated Fund Committee (ENDFC) will receive from the Conference Treasurer the monetary amount of interest which has accrued for the past year in the Emma Norton Fund. The Committee then decides which National Mission will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the accrued interest money and which seminarian women will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the accrued interest money. The seminary women need to apply for scholarships before the designated deadline each year to be considered by the ENDFC. The recipients' names will be announced at the following meeting of the Conference UMW. The treasurer sends the allotted money to the seminaries of the recipients in their names.

Submitted by Standing Rules Committee (Sandy Meyer, Shirley Goutcher, Teri Arnold, Diana Eickelberg, Julie Adams) and accepted by Executive Committee July 12, 2018.