

Proposed Amendments to The First Assembly of God Bylaws for the 2018 Annual Business Meeting

Amendment #1

Article VI. Section 2. C.

Current:

No applicant for membership shall be accepted as a member within 30 days prior to an annual business meeting or a special business meeting.

Proposed:

New members may be accepted at any time, but will not have voting privileges for 30 days from the date their membership is approved by the Church Board.

Reason:

A special business meeting may be called at any time. It is not clear whether members admitted prior to the announcement would be allowed to vote if the meeting was less than 30 days after their membership became effective. Also brings this section into conformity with Section 4.

Amendment #2

Article VII. Section 2. B. 2. a.

Qualifications for deacon.

After "except when the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2Corinthians 5:17)."

Add "or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9) or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10- 15)."

Reason: AG recommendation.

Amendment #3

Article VII. Section 2. B. 2. e.

Qualifications for deacon.

Delete:

Shall provide funding, according to the church's ability, to have staff members to compliment and enhance the ministry and effectiveness of the pastor.

Reason:

This is a duty, not a qualification.

Amendment #4

Article VII. Section 2. C. 2. Before current b.

Duties of deacons.

Add:

Shall provide funding, according to the church's ability, to have staff members to compliment and enhance the ministry and effectiveness of the pastor.

Amendment #5

Article VII. Section 2. C. 3. a.

Duties of Trustees.

Delete:

Shall be the custodians of all the real property of the assembly.

Reason:

The church is incorporated and the trustees are not considered to be custodians of the church property for legal purposes. Having this in our Bylaws complicated our new church loan.

Amendment #6

Article VIII. Section 2.

Election of other officers.

Current:

They are to be nominated by a nominating committee and shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual business meeting.

Proposed:

They shall be nominated by an active voting member, approved by a nominating committee, and elected by a majority vote at the annual business meeting.

Reason:

We allow any active voting member to nominate other members of the assembly or themselves for any church office. The purpose of the nominating committee is to make sure that any member nominated meets the qualifications of the office they have been nominated for and to ensure that they are willing to serve in that capacity.

Amendment #7

Article VIII. Section 3.

Council Delegates.

Current:

They shall be nominated by a nominating committee, and shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual business meeting.

Proposed:

They are to be nominated by an active voting member, approved by a nominating committee, and elected by a majority vote at the annual business meeting.

Reason:

We allow any active voting member to nominate other members of the assembly or themselves to be delegates or alternates. The purpose of the nominating committee is to make sure that any member nominated is willing to serve in that capacity.

Amendment #8

Article IX. Section 3.

Delete the word "proper" in the first sentence.

Special business meetings of the assembly may be called when necessary, after **proper** notice has been given by the Pastor or by the Secretary of the assembly, provided the meeting has been agreed upon by a majority of the Board of Deacons.

Reason:

No definition of "proper notice" is provided. In rare circumstances, it may be necessary to call a business meeting without it being announced for the typical 2 consecutive Sundays before the date of the meeting.

Amendment #9

Article XII. Section 1.

Current:

All property of the assembly shall be deeded to the assembly and held in its name or if the church is not incorporated, by trustees and their successors in office.

Proposed:

All property of the assembly shall be deeded to the assembly and held in its name.

Reason:

The church is incorporated.

Amendment #10

Corrections:

Article VI. Section 1. E.

Change "Tenents" to "Tenets"

Article VII. Section 1. B. 1.

Change "this constitution" to "these bylaws"

Article VII. Section 2. A.

Change "Trustee" to "Trustees"

Article VII. Section 3. C. 1.

Change "from three years at the time of election." to "for three years."

Article VIII. Section 3.

Change "Council Delegate" to "Council Delegates"

Change "alternates in the event the authorized delegate" to "two alternates in the event an authorized delegate"

Change "committee, and" to "committee and"

Article VIII. Section 5.

Change "tenders his resignation" to "resigns"

Change "in order to" to "to"

Article XL.

Change to Article XI

Article XL. Section 1.

Change "assembly as such times" to "assembly at such times"

Change "board, and" to "board and"