

CONFERENCE RULES COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Gennifer Brooks

1. The committee communicated electronically regarding the status of the rules with respect to decisions made about the form and content of the upcoming 2022 conference in light of the decision to meet virtually as in 2020 and 2021. After meeting with the Conference Secretary, and with input from committee members, a review of all rules was undertaken by the chairperson and the committee met virtually and reviewed and finalized the changes that would be required for the 2022 annual conference session.
2. The following amendments to the Rules of Order were considered appropriate for presentation to and approval by the 2022 annual conference. (Amendments are noted in red.)

1. Rule 4: By amendment:

The secretary shall receive and have oversight of all reports and petitions presented at the annual conference session and is responsible for ensuring that each of those items is properly identified as to the section to which it is assigned and that it is addressed during the conference session. This does not apply to items that are addressed during the Corporate Session of the conference session. The secretary shall determine the process by which the proceedings of the conference will be recorded and shall name her/his assistants at the opening of the conference as part of the Organizational Resolutions. S/he shall verify the record of the daily proceedings of the conference, whether created electronically or by the assistant secretaries, which shall be approved by the Committee on Examination of the Conference Journal, the members of which shall also be named by the secretary. When so approved and signed by the president and the secretary, this record shall become the official minutes of the conference and shall be included in the official Conference Journal. The secretary shall edit material to be included in the Journal as may be necessary to meet specifications for publication with special concern for brevity but without substantive change. The district superintendents shall have responsibility with the secretary of the conference whenever this editorial license is exercised. The Conference Journal shall be created and available to the members of conference within six months following the conclusion of the annual conference.

2. Rule 13: By deletion:

At the opening of the conference by the bishop, the bishop shall by declaration present the following: ~~that the information provided on the conference website will be the determining structure of members who will participate in the business sessions of the conference;~~ that the reports provided by the legislative sections that met prior to the annual conference will be the business of the conference; and that a recording of the proceedings will provide the record of the business of the annual conference to be used for the creation of the next Conference Journal.

3. Rule 14: By amendment:

Only those persons who are members of the conference and who have duly registered and assigned an ID ~~are seated within the bar of the conference except as otherwise provided,~~

~~and~~ may vote, be recognized by the president of the conference, and participate in the conference proceedings. Others may be invited by the conference to have the privilege of the floor without vote.

4. Rule 15: By ~~deletion~~:

The method of calling the roll shall be determined by the president and shall be the responsibility of the conference secretary. ~~Other roll calls of members may be taken by having each member record attendance as prescribed by the conference secretary.~~ The roll call of members shall be determined based on the record of registrations made through the portal provided online and through the conference website.

5. Rule 21: By ~~deletion~~:

~~Parliamentary procedures in the section shall be guided by the Conference Rules of Order (see Rule #18).~~ The leaders of each legislative section will evaluate and prioritize the items before the section and present an agenda to be adopted by the ~~seated~~ **registered** members of the section. Top priority items will be those with budget implications and those which appear to be most controversial.

6. Rule 26: By **amendment:**

Only those members assigned to the section may speak or vote in the section. By common consent or by vote, the section may grant the courtesy of the floor to an unassigned member or other person, for the purpose of bringing additional information or expertise to the attention of the section. Section assignments will not be changed in order to permit persons to vote in more than one section. **If the format of conference is virtual, there will be no visitors permitted to participate in legislative sections.** ~~after and separate from voting members as space allows. Visitors shall not interfere with the work of the section.~~

7. Rule 38: By **amendment:**

In 2022, the budget shall be presented to and reviewed with the entire conference in a special plenary session of the conference to be held on September 24, 2022.

8. Rule 46: By **amendment:**

The following persons shall be lay members of the conference: the conference president of United Methodist Women **in Faith**,

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