

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR RESOLUTIONS

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**Resolution 2017-1** makes some changes to the process of the mass meeting of the Melchisedek priesthood nominating a president for the conference. The wording of the current resolution had the mass meeting of elders being held as the first item of the conference. This has not been the practice for some time, so the resolution is being changed to reflect current practice. The major change is adding the office of Apostle as the first choice for president of the conference in a list that also includes high priests, Seventy and Elders. This nomination is brought to the floor of the conference where other nominations can also be made, as is the current practice. Some changes in wording on duties of officers has also been made to update the duties. The current resolution that is being changed is included below.

**Resolution 2017-2** provides for funding for the Order of Evangelists to help their travel to provide the ministry that their office and calling and to provide central storage for patriarchal blessings as they are completed. An amount is included in the budget this year for this ministry. This is a new resolution.

**Resolution 2017-3** changes in the way that the Education Committee is named. Instead of electing all the members of the committee at conference, the officers of the committee are elected at conference and then committee members are appointed to fill the needs of the committee as it does its work. Liaisons are to be appointed by branches and quorums to facilitate exchange of information with the committee. The current wording that is being changed is included below.

#### Current wording of sections 1-7 of JCR#3

##### Rules of Order

1. **Mass Meeting of the Elders of Participating Branches.** Following prayer and supplication to the Lord that these activities shall be blessed with His spirit, a mass meeting of the registered elders from participating branches shall be convened prior to any legislative session. The JCRB president shall call the meeting to order and appoint the JCRB secretary/clerk to take minutes.

2. **Presiding Protocols.** As directed in a mass meeting of elders on November 10, 2005, the Conference President shall be chosen from among the Melchisedek priesthood of the participating branches. Preference shall be given first to the office of high priest, then to the office of seventy, and finally to the office of elder.

3. **Nomination by the Elders to the Conference for Conference President.** Having affirmed the presiding protocols, the president shall open nominations for the office of President of the Conference. The nominee shall be determined by a hand vote of the elders.

4. **Closing of Mass Meeting of Elders.** The president shall direct the Secretary/Clerk to prepare a report of the meeting of the elders and election results for the Conference as the first order of Conference business. He shall then call upon the newly elected nominee to offer a closing prayer.

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**5. Election of Conference President by the Conference.** At the announced time and place, the presiding officer as recommended by the High Priests and Seventy shall read the report of the mass meeting of the elders to the Conference. He shall then accept the elders' nominee and open the floor for nominations. Following the nominating process, the President shall be chosen from the eligible nominees by vote of the officially registered membership.

**6. Ordering the Conference.** The presiding officer shall call the newly elected president (if different) to the chair charging him with the responsibility of opening the Conference with prayer and leading the people of the Lord in this sacred and deliberative assembly. Nominations shall then be opened for three officers: Vice-President, Secretary/Clerk, and Treasurer.

**7. Officers, Terms, and Duties.** The Conference shall be fully organized when a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Clerk, and Treasurer are elected. Officers shall be elected to serve from spring Conference to spring Conference. New officers shall assume their responsibilities at the close of the Conference at which they were elected. The duties of the officers are as follows:

**President:** Following the directions of the high priests and seventies, the President shall be elected to pre-side over the deliberative sessions of the Conference. He shall also serve as the chair for the Logistics Committee in planning and coordinating preparations for the next Conference.

**Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall be subject to the same qualifications for office as the President. He shall be a member of the Logistics Committee with voice and vote and shall preside in the absence or by the direction of the President. He shall serve as a counselor to the President and lend support and assistance. The President and the Vice-President shall function harmoniously for the benefit and welfare of the Conference.

**Secretary/Clerk:** The Secretary/Clerk shall be chosen from among the Melchisedek priesthood (Doc. & Cov. 17:25b) to keep a record of the activities and deliberations of the Conference. Minutes shall be provided at each subsequent business session for approval by the body and a draft set of minutes shall be available on the day after the last business session by electronic format for distribution to all delegates and members. He shall provide guidance in parliamentary procedures for the presiding officer. He shall serve as the secretary for the Logistics Committee with voice and vote. As chair of the Credentials Committee, he shall oversee the credentialing of delegates and members and, until the Conference elects a Recorder, maintain membership records. The Secretary shall serve as the Historian until the Conference fills that office. The Secretary shall be allowed to contract with members to assist in completing these tasks.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be chosen from among the Melchisedek priesthood and shall preside over the Finance Committee. He shall receive all Conference monies and shall disburse all financial obligations. He shall report on budgetary items, as requested, and provide an annual report of Conference income and expenses for the Conference. In all his duties and until a bishop is appointed, the Treasurer is accountable to the Conference. The Treasurer shall draw from among the eldership to assist him in transacting his responsibilities.

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### Current wording of JCR#57

#### **JCR #57, Education Committee**

Whereas: Saints outside the Centerplace have more difficulty obtaining church materials and resources,

Be it resolved: the JCRB will form an Education Committee in order to address the resource needs of Saints in outlying and secluded areas. This committee shall be comprised of seven members and the chairperson will hold the office of Elder.