
Decision Profile

CPD Bylaws Amendment to 7.1

Decision Required:

That the CPD bylaws be changed to remove reference to the Committee on Credentials.

Why it's Coming to District Conference:

Changes to the CPD Bylaws are the responsibility of District Conference.

Background:

District Conference has a Committee on Credentials that examines the credentials of delegates in advance of the meeting and provides a short report that includes a registration count. In the January 2016 version of the Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, the District Constitution read as follows:

Section 1 – District Conference

Corresponding Delegates

Members of member churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada visiting District Conference may be admitted as corresponding delegates upon recommendation of the Committee on Credentials. Corresponding delegates shall not have the rights of debate or vote.

In amending the CPD Bylaws at District Conference 2017, the following was included:

Part 7 – Conference and Standing Committees

District Conference Committees

7.1 The District Conference committees shall include committees on:

- a) Nominations;
- b) Audit Review; and
- c) Credentials.

Additional committees to carry out the work of conference may be established by the Board. The membership and mandate of each committee will be determined by the Board.



At General Assembly 2016, the Policy on District Organization replaced the District Constitution and there is no mention of the Committee on Credentials. The same section in the 2018 Manual now states:

2.1 District Conference

2.1.2. Corresponding Voting Delegates

Members of member churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada visiting district conference may be admitted as corresponding delegates. Corresponding delegates shall not have the right to vote.

Additionally, in the Policy on District Organization and at General Assembly 2018, the following amendment was made:

Policy on General Assembly – discontinued the General Assembly Committees on Credentials and Agenda, placing the duties currently assigned to these committees in the General Assembly office.

It is being suggested that a similar change be made to the District Conference that was made for General Assembly, and there are several reasons for removing the Committee on Credentials from District Conference:

- 1) the lack of legislative obligation in the Policy on District Organization
- 2) a process for establishing the credentials for voting delegates was adopted at the October 2018 DEXCOM meeting in alignment with the Policy on District Organization under 2.1.1.
- 3) the precedent set by the National Ministry Centre to move the duties of this committee to the administrative team given its administrative nature
- 4) the role of the Licensing and Ordination Committee in examining credentials of workers on an ongoing basis
- 5) removing the Committee reduces administrative paperwork and preparation time for District Conference as well as saves time in the business meeting

In order to remove this committee, the reference to the Committee on Credentials in the CPD Bylaws must be removed.



Recommendations:

That CPD Bylaw 7.1 be changed to the following:

Part 7 – Conference and Standing Committees
District Conference Committees

7.2 The District Conference committees shall include committees on:

- a) Nominations; and
- b) Audit Review.

Additional committees to carry out the work of conference may be established by the Board. The membership and mandate of each committee will be determined by the Board.



Decision Profile

CPD Bylaws Amendment to 9.3

Decision Required:

That the CPD bylaws be changed to reflect a change in the accounting standards in the Local Church Constitution (LCC).

Why it's Coming to District Conference:

Changes to the CPD Bylaws are the responsibility of District Conference.

Background:

In the 2016 version of the Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, the LCC read as follows:

12.2 Records

The official records of all officers of this church and all its departments are the property of the church. All financial records shall be prepared and maintained according to **Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**, and shall be subject to an audit, review or other independent evaluation annually as prescribed by the bylaws. [emphasis mine]

In the 2018 version, revised in August 2018, we have:

12.2 Records

The official records of all officers of this church and all its departments are the property of the church. All financial records shall be prepared and maintained according to **Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations**, and shall be subject to an audit, review, or other independent evaluation annually as prescribed by the bylaws.

This was considered an 'editorial change', and therefore did not need official Board approval. It was determined that the term *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* was out of date and that it should be edited to *Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations* to keep with current terminology and requirements. This was done in April 2017.



The current version of the CPD Bylaws reads:

Church Financial Review or Audit

9.3 The accounts of churches, camps, and similar undertakings of the Society shall be prepared and maintained according to **Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**, and shall be subject to an audit, review or other independent evaluation annually as prescribed by the bylaws.

It is proposed that to maintain the standard of the LCC, the wording in the CPD Bylaws be changed to read:

Church Financial Review or Audit

9.3 The accounts of churches, camps, and similar undertakings of the Society shall be prepared and maintained according to **Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations**, and shall be subject to an audit, review or other independent evaluation annually as prescribed by the bylaws.

Recommendations:

That CPD Bylaw 9.3 be changed to the following:

Church Financial Review or Audit

9.3 The accounts of churches, camps, and similar undertakings of the Society shall be prepared and maintained according to **Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations**, and shall be subject to an audit, review or other independent evaluation annually as prescribed by the bylaws.

