

## NEW ACTION ITEM # 131 – An Amendment to the Rules of Order

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Amend 1050.15, 1050.20, and point 10 of 1050.35.

Remove 1050.25 and 1050.30.

### **1050.15**

Nominating Process

~~To become a nominee a person must submit the nomination materials, as defined below, to the superintendent of the district to which the nominee relates by February 1 of the year preceding the General Conference. The District Superintendent will confirm the eligibility of the nominee and forward the nomination materials to the Conference Secretary.~~

In the year preceding General Conference, a person may become a nominee through either of the following:

1. Submission of nominations materials, as defined in 1050.20, to the Conference Secretary by April 15;
2. Nomination from the floor. Nominees shall complete a floor nomination form and return it to the Conference Secretary to accept nomination.

### **1050.20**

Nomination Materials

1. The Conference Secretary shall prepare a nomination form and ~~distribute it to all district offices~~ make it available to conference members. The form shall ask for:
  - a. Necessary personal data
  - b. A 250-word (maximum length) biographical sketch and statement of the nominee's position on critical issues facing the church
  - c. A recent photo of the nominee
  - d. The signature of the nominee
  - e. Confirmation of eligibility
2. Nomination material received by the April 15 deadline shall be distributed by the Conference Secretary prior to Annual Conference that year by such print or electronic methods as the Conference Secretary deems most effective.
3. Nominees are to limit promotional material to the 250-word sketch distributed by the Conference Secretary.

### **~~1050.25~~**

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### **~~1050.30~~**

~~Nominees are to limit promotional material to the 250-word sketch distributed by the Conference Secretary~~

### **1050.35**

~~10. If by the twelfth ballot all of the General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates have not been elected, then on the twelfth ballot those receiving the highest votes shall be declared elected in order of the total votes received, including reserve delegates.~~

10. Balloting will continue until all General and Jurisdictional delegates have been elected by a majority vote. Then, a final ballot will be cast to elect the remaining Jurisdictional Conference reserve delegates. Those receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as reserve delegates, in order of the total votes received.

*Rationale: Our rules about the election of clergy and lay delegates to general and jurisdictional conference are not in compliance with the newly adopted Constitutional Amendment which added the following sentence: "Such elections shall include open nominations from the floor by the annual conference, and delegates shall be elected by a minimum of a simple majority of the ballots cast."*