

To Revise LCMS Bylaw 3.1.6.2c

Whereas, the 2001 LCMS Convention passed Resolution 7-04A, “To Promote Truth and Integrity in Convention Overtures,” which gave the synodical president the sole discretion to reject any overture which he deemed “contains information which is materially in error, or contain any apparent misrepresentation of truth or of character;” and

Whereas, Bylaw 3.1.6.2c, states,

“The President of the Synod shall determine if any overture contains information which is materially in error or contains any apparent misrepresentation of truth or of character. He shall not approve inclusion of any such overture in the *Convention Workbook* and shall refer any such overture to the district president who has ecclesiastical supervision over the entity submitting the overture for action. If any published overture or resolution is found to be materially in error or contains a misrepresentation of truth or character; it shall be withdrawn from convention consideration and referred by the President of Synod to the appropriate district president for action;” and

Whereas, the President of the Synod could use this power in order to refuse to print overtures which in his opinion were simply not favorable to his interpretation of the facts, and thus prevent the dissemination of facts and arguments which the delegates might need in order to judge the actions of the Synodical President; and

Whereas, the President of the Synod acknowledged that he did make use of this new power(2004 *Today’s Business*, p.18).; and

Whereas, the Secretary of the Synod would not be as likely to have a conflict of interest; therefore be it

Resolved that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, gathered in Convention, change the references in bylaw 3.1.6.2c from “The President of Synod” to “The Secretary of the Synod.”

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