

Survey Results, Article XV, a/o March 13, 2010

Greetings, once again, from the team of Loughrey, Brody, Ritchie and Phinney – the folks working on revision of Article XV.

The results from the survey we asked you to complete concerning the many options involved in the re-visioning of Article XV are below. While a more robust response might have been desirable, we appreciate the time that some of you took to complete the survey. As some of you noted, the complexities are substantial and it's important that we get it right.

While unanimity was achieved on many items, others are still less clear. Those are the items we need to discuss during our April meeting. We owe the GA a report in June. Actually, I think we have made a lot of progress toward a revised Article XV – particularly in achieving the clarity that the responsive resolution seeks. We just need to nail down a few more details.

Expect more correspondence on this subject as we approach our meeting time.

1. Does the overall timeline make sense? If not, what changes should be made?

yes

2. When a proposal to begin the process for amending Article II is placed on the GA agenda, is proposed Article II language needed, or is it possible to propose a vote to start the Article II study process without suggesting any language? (see January 2013 on the timeline)

no 4

yes 2

3. The present bylaws permit GA, by a 4/5ths vote, to adopt a motion to dispense with the study commission process and proceed to immediate consideration of the Article II language at the initial GA. Should such a motion be permitted, and if so, what should be the threshold for the vote? (see first June 2013 item)

2/3 1

3/4 2

4/5 2

Always
required 1

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4. If proposed Article II language has been placed on the agenda for referral to a Study Commission, is the language subject to amendment at the initial GA (see second June 2013 item):

<u>no</u>	1
yes by 2/3	2
<u>yes by 3/4</u>	3

5. When the Board first sees the Study Commission's draft language (see January 2015), does it have the authority to:

reject proposal, stop process	0
amend by majority	2
amend by 2/3	2
none of above	2

6. How long a time should be allocated for the Study Commission process? (see October 2015)

up to 2 years	6
up to 3 years	0

7. When the BOT sees the Study Commission's proposed Article II language (see January 2016), which of the following options are available to it:

<u>put it on the GA agenda without changes</u>	4
<u>amend the language, and place only the amended language on the agenda</u>	2
<u>amend the language, and place the both the amended language and the original language on the agenda</u>	5
<u>reject the proposal and end the study process</u>	2

8. What is the voting requirement for BOT action on the previous item?

majority	3
2/3	2
higher	0

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9. Should one or more of the following be allowed to place on the GA agenda amendments to the Study Commission language? (see February 2016)

districts	2
15 congregations	4
congregations	1
individual delegates	0

10. What vote is required to approve an amendment to the proposed language that was printed in the GA agenda? (see June 2016)

majority	2
2/3	4

11. Are any types of floor amendments (to the proposed language, or to a pending amendment to it) permitted?

all types	3
non-substantive	1
no amendments	1

12. If floor amendments are permitted, what is the voting requirement for them?

Majority	0
2/3	5

13. When consideration of any amendments is concluded, what is the voting requirement for preliminary approval of the Article II language by this GA?

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2/3	4

14. When the proposal comes up at the second GA for final approval, are amendments permitted? (see June 2017)

all types	0
only non-substantive	3
no amendments	3

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15. If amendments are permitted, what is the voting requirement for them?

majority	0
2/3	3
higher	0

16. Are there any other changes that should be made in the process or timeline?

No