

Floor Committee 21: Ad Hoc Commission 2

**Subject: Topic five: Nomination for election of WELS president and the synod praesidium**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 189, 190

Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS 1) the Ad Hoc Commission 2 (AHC2) is recommending that the synod in convention use the Synod Nominating Committee for the offices of the presidium in the same way that we do for any other office that is elected by the synod in convention; and

WHEREAS 2) the AHC2 also recommends that the nominees who are not elected to one office would be considered as candidates for the next lower office; and

WHEREAS 3) this recommendation does not allow for delegates to nominate candidates from the floor of the convention; and

WHEREAS 4) this recommendation provides the synod Nominating Committee minimal guidelines for choosing candidates to be nominated; and

WHEREAS 5) this recommendation could make it difficult to certify that the individual making the nomination is eligible to make the nomination; and

WHEREAS 6) this recommendation places the responsibility for selecting a list of candidates in the hands of a small percentage of the synod; and

WHEREAS 7) the present practice of nominating from the floor has served our synod well for many years, even though there is only a short period of time for the newly elected officer to deliberate his election to office; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that the synod in convention reject the AHC2 recommendation that the synod in convention use the synod Nominating Committee for the offices of the presidium in the same way that we do for any other office that is elected by the synod in convention; and be it finally

Resolved, b) that procedural adjustments be made to future elections to allow for delegates to become more familiar with the nominated candidates.

Pastor Charles Vannieuwenhoven, chairman

Teacher Kevin Ehlke, secretary

**ADOPTED**