

**Floor Committee #18: Constitutional Matters**

**Subject: Conference of Presidents, calling procedure**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 176,177

Resolution No. 03

WHEREAS 1) the governing boards of Luther Preparatory School and Michigan Lutheran Seminary, the two preparatory high schools of the synod, have requested a change in the calling process for their schools to be similar to that used by area Lutheran high schools; and

WHEREAS 2) this proposed bylaw revision retains the current calling process at Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, the two terminal ministerial education schools of the synod, but changes the calling process at the two prep schools to be similar to that of area Lutheran high schools; and

WHEREAS 3) deleting the phrase “to the ministerial schools” in Section 6.48 (a), results in a lack of clarity as to which calling bodies are involved; and

WHEREAS 4) the addition of the phrase “In the case of Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary” in Section 6.48 (b) provides necessary clarity for the proposed bylaw revision; and

WHEREAS 5) with today’s communications tools, the time frame for nominating a candidate or candidates to Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary can be made shorter; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that the delegates of the 2021 synod convention reject the recommended deletion of the phrase “to the ministerial schools” in Section 6.48 (a) of the Bylaws; and be it further

Resolved, b) that the delegates of the synod convention approve the addition of the phrase “In the case of Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary” in Section 6.48 (b) of the Bylaws; and be it further

Resolved, c) that the delegates of the 2021 synod convention approve the proposal to shorten the time frame for nominating candidates to Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary from 20 to 10 days in Section 6.48 (c) of the Bylaws; and be it finally

Resolved, d) that the delegates of the 2021 synod convention approve the proposed change to the calling of professors at the prep schools in Section 6.48 (d) of the Bylaws.

Pastor Glenn Schwanke, chairman  
Pastor Johnold Strey, secretary

**ADOPTED**