**PSWR Bylaw Revisions**

The following revisions to the current bylaws have been considered by the Regional Board of Directors. The Board has recommended that they be acted upon by the Regional Assembly during the business sessions at the Regional Assembly in Fullerton, CA, October 14-15, 2016.

These items will be introduced at the Friday business session and acted upon at the Saturday business session.

**Item 1: Minimum number of board meetings:**

**Current bylaws:**

**ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***Section 3. Meetings***

a. The Board of Directors shall meet at least **six** times per year

***Section 4. Elections***

Research.

**The Board of Directors proposes the following revision:**

**ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***Section 3. Meetings***

a. The Board of Directors will meet a minimum of **four** times per year

***~~Section 4. Elections~~* Delete section in its entirety and renumber**

~~Research.~~

**Board recommendation: Approve**

**Item 2: Process to authorize disbursements**

**Current bylaws:**

**ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS**

***Section 3. Authority***

Each officer shall have the authority to sign documents as follows:

a. All **checks shall be signed** by any two of the officers named below.

**The Board of Directors proposes the following revision:**

**ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS**

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Each officer shall have the authority to sign documents as follows:

a. All **disbursements shall be approved** by any of the two officers named below. **Electronic approval is deemed acceptable.**

**Board recommendation: Approve**

**Item 3: Listing of standing committees**

**Background**

1. The current bylaws refer to the Disciples Women as a “recognized group”; several years ago the Disciples Women leadership requested that their group become one of the “standing committees” of the Regional Board.

Since that change, the Disciples Women have been represented on the Regional Board by their Co-facilitators. The Disciples Women have consulted with the Nominating Committee providing names to nominate for the position of Facilitator/Co-Facilitators.

1. The PSWR youth ministry has grown since the Region’s call to BJ Barlow as Director of Youth Ministries. The Youth Immersion Ministry has developed into a vibrant ministry focusing on racial justice. The youth representative selection process needs to reflect the addition of this ministry.
2. The Board has resolved to create task forces for certain short-term functions and eliminated the following committees:
   * 1. Stewardship and Giving
     2. Communication
     3. Christian Education
     4. Bylaws

**Current bylaws:**

**ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***Section 1. Membership***

The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

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***Section 4. Elections***

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**ARTICLE XI. STANDING COMMITTEES**

***Section 6. other Program and Administrative Committees***

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* Global Ministries Committee (Joint with So. California Nevada Conference of the UCC)
* Young Adults Committee

Finance, Governance and Administration

* Finance Committee
* Personnel Committee
* Bylaw Committee
* Communications
* Leadership Committee
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