

# CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

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<p>Patty Dahlke MN Delegate St. Anthony 491 pattydahlke@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Constitution and Bylaws Item # 10, Section 4 Paragraph 4: “or continued convention” was crossed out, but it still appears in the third column.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. We appreciate the time and effort you spent in reviewing the report. Since your comment reflects a typographical, grammatical, punctuation, or numerical change, the Committee has made the correction and will be reflected in the final Committee Report.</p>
<p>Erin Donnay MN Delegate St. Anthony 743 erin.donnay@gmail.com</p> <p><i>(Continued)</i></p>	<p>Page 1 - four (4) or five (5) columns fix comma in that paragraph change to redline.</p> <p>To that end, attached is the Committee’s recommended changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and Bylaws. The recommended changes to the Constitution and Bylaws are presented in four (4) sections consisting of four (4) or five (5) columns. The first column is used to identify the amendment, the second shows the current text, the third shows the changes in redline, the fourth shows the change if accepted by the delegates and the final column gives the Committee’s reason for the change.</p> <p>Page 1 - Link is broken to email committee.</p> <p>Pages 3-8 - top of page should read “proposed” Articles of Incorp.</p> <p>Page 9, top of page, last line - change to current Constitution &amp; Bylaws - verify with Chris.</p> <p>Page 32, #31 - Local Court (initial caps).</p> <p>Page 33, #34 - add disability product - verify with Chris.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. We appreciate the time and effort you spent in reviewing the report. Since your comments reflect typographical, grammatical, punctuation, or numerical changes, the Committee has made the correction and will be reflected in the final Committee Report.</p>

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<p>Julie Bries IA Delegate St. Francis 607 jbries8@gmail.com</p>	<p>In first paragraph capitalize Local Court. Example: Jurisdiction authorized officer or representative, any High Court or Local Court . . .</p> <p>Section 13, Paragraph 22, Item 40 (page 36 of 53) -- Change Trustee to Member. Example: as a High Court Member must . . .</p> <p>Section 20, Paragraph 1 Item 44. (page 39 of 53) -- Redline change was not added. Omit Court officers. Example: examine High Chief Ranger's and President's reports to recommend . . .</p> <p>Section 30. Item 47 (page 42 of 53) -- Capitalize Local Court. Example: State Holding Courts, and Local Courts.</p> <p>Section 65, New Bullet 7 Item 55. (page 49 of 53) -- Add "and" at the beginning. Example: and seven (7) . . .</p> <p>Section 72 Item 58 (page 49 of 53) -- Under reason, check who this is referencing—the member a Jurisdiction in attendance? Also, High Court Members do have a voice and vote.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. We appreciate the time and effort you spent in reviewing the report. Since your comments reflect typographical, grammatical, punctuation, or numerical changes, the Committee has made the correction and will be reflected in the final Committee Report.</p>

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<p>Greg Cass WI Delegate St. Mary 1763 gregcassjr@gmail.com</p>	<p>I have reviewed the Constitution Committee preliminary report and agree with all changes except for Section 95, Paragraph 2. I believe this puts the accepting court in a position of having to serve the new members with existing funds. Some consideration should be given to the accepting court for managing the additional members. The way this is written, there is no consideration for that. Please consider rewording to allow for accepting courts to be given financial consideration during merging of courts.</p>	<p>A Local Court receiving a new member has not been servicing the new member until such time as the new member transfers into the Local Court. Once the member joins the new Local Court, the new court will receive an additional member stipend going forward for “managing the new member”.</p>
<p>Carol Anders IL Delegate St. Procopius 443 cmanders444@yahoo.com</p> <p><i>(Continued)</i></p>	<p>#8 - says “Section 3, P. 15” and #35 says “Section 3, new paragraph 15.” An old and a new?</p> <p>#10 - states to delete “continued convention” but it is retained in column 4.</p> <p>#13 - is confusing because it says Section 13 all deleted but there are further changes to this section’s paragraphs in</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. We appreciate the time and effort you spent in reviewing the report. Since your comments reflect typographical, grammatical, punctuation, or numerical changes, the Committee has made the correction and will be reflected in the final Committee Report.</p>

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<p>Nancy Bechtold IL Delegate St. Procopius 443 nabech63@sbcglobal.net</p> <p><i>(Continued)</i></p>	<p>Amendment 2 why are we changing Article 9, Para. 1 &amp; 2, if amendment 5 we are deleting Article 9, Para. 1-5?</p> <p>Amendment 10 “or continued convention” needs to be removed from the 4th column.</p> <p>Amendment 15 Headers for column 3 &amp; 4 don’t match column 2.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. We appreciate the time and effort you spent in reviewing the report. Since your comments reflect typographical, grammatical, punctuation, or numerical changes, the Committee has made the correction and will be reflected in the final Committee Report</p>

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