

Parliamentarian's Report to ECW Board Meeting

September 1, 2009

During the April 21, 2009 board meeting, President Dee Buzby stated that she would appoint a committee to review the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations for changes. That committee was appointed, has met and has made recommendations, as follows:

The committee consisted of Alleen Cater as Chairman, Gethryn Giles, Fiona Watts and Dee Buzby. After some email discussion of various items, we met in May to review each provision thoroughly. Fiona Watts drafted a revision, which allowed us to further refine the document. Our proposed revised document was transmitted electronically to Dee Buzby, who presented it to the board electronically and asked for a vote. A few board members asked pertinent questions; their insights directed us to even further refinements. A majority of the board responded to me electronically with affirmative votes. Proceeding then by our current constitutional provisions, Dee notified the parishes of the proposed changes and the vote that will be taken at Fall Conference.

The committee members hope and trust that the proposed changes will provide clarity and consistency and will streamline the work of the ECW. Periodic review of such documents is in order for any organization, as a way to insure adherence to the organization's mission and to maintain its viability.

Respectfully submitted,

Alleen Cater, Parliamentarian