

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL BYLAWS OF THE WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER, 1982

ADD:

ARTICLE IX: Committees

Section 4. A Nominating Committee shall consist of the five most recent past presidents of the Society. The immediate past president of the Society shall serve as chair. Should any of the five most recent past presidents be unable or ineligible to serve, the next most recent past president, able and eligible, shall serve. Should the immediate past president be unable or ineligible to serve, the committee may elect its own chair. The committee shall present to the annual meeting of the Society a ballot as prescribed in ARTICLE V, Section 2.

If/when the above amendment by addition to the Bylaws is approved, the following is recommended for insertion as an addition to the Standing Rules, II. Relating to Officers, Committees and Procedures, as subpoint E.

E. Guidelines for the Nominating Committee (cf. Bylaws, ARTICLE V, Section 2).

1. While perceived ability to carry forward the work of the Society in an acceptable manner and spirit should be the primary consideration in making nominations, due attention should be given to the fact that the membership do tend to give consideration to denomination identity and proportionate representation in the administration of the Society.

2. The Nominating Committee should have its work done no less than thirty days before the Annual Meeting of the Society. This would include consultation with any candidates to ascertain their availability for service. The Secretary of the Society should be informed as soon as the Committee has decided upon a ballot so that it may be prepared for the meeting by the Secretary.

3. While it would be unwise to limit the Committee to but two nominees for each office (see ARTICLE V, Section 2 of the Bylaws), it would seem that a ballot with more than two names for any position unnecessarily complicates the voting and could serve divisive purpose.