

Article 7 – Constituency Meeting Committees

Prior to the Union Conference’s constituency meeting, the Executive Committee shall provide for such temporary committees as may be necessary to conduct the preliminary work for the constituency meeting.

To facilitate the business of the constituency meeting, constituency meeting committees may convene by means of an electronic conference or similar communications by which all persons participating can hear each other at the same time. **These committees include:**

- A recommendations committee
- A nominating committee
- A constitution committee
- Other committees as may be necessary.

(a) Recommendations Committee:

- (i) **A recommendations committee shall be appointed for each constituency meeting. It shall consist of thirteen (13) representatives from the South England Conference, seven (7) representatives from the North England Conference, two (2) representatives from each Mission, one representative from each of the Union Conference operated institutions, and the president of the Trans-European Division, or their designee, who shall serve as chair.**
- (ii) **The members of the recommendations committee shall be appointed from and by their respective delegate groups, at, or prior to ~~at least eighteen (18) weeks before~~ the constituency meeting.**
- (iii) **At, or prior to the constituency meeting, ~~T~~the recommendations committee shall nominate from the delegates~~ion~~, and the constituency shall elect by personal vote, postal ballot or other method, ~~at least fourteen (14) weeks prior to the constituency meeting where required,~~ the following standing committees:**
 - (1) **A nominating committee**
 - (2) **A constitution committee**
 - (3) **Other committees as may be necessary.**

(b) Nominating Committee: The nominating committee shall consist of at least seventeen (17) and not more than twenty-one (21) members, including the president of the Trans-European Division or their designee, who shall serve as chair. The membership of the committee shall be balanced, as nearly as possible, between denominational workers and laypersons representing various segments of the work throughout the Territory.

- (i) **Those chosen as members of the nominating committee must be duly appointed delegates to the constituency meeting.**
- (ii) **Persons holding elective office, as outlined in Article 5 (k), and (l) in the current term, excluding non-ex officio members of the Executive Committee, shall not be eligible to serve on the nominating committee.**
- (iii) **The nominating committee shall meet at, or prior to ~~least twelve (12) weeks before~~ the constituency meeting, and shall ~~circulate a~~ report ~~of~~ its nominations to all delegates. It shall meet again to hear any objections from delegates ~~at least six (6) weeks before the constituency meeting.~~**

- (iv) **The nominating committee shall limit its nominations to those positions for which persons are to be elected at the constituency meeting and for which budgetary provisions have been made.**
 - (v) **The nominating committee shall also nominate members for the Executive Committee and for the boards of Union Conference institutions whose constitutions, operating policies, or articles of association indicate that board members for the entity are elected at a Union Conference constituency meeting.**
- (c) **Standing Constitution Committee: The standing constitution committee shall consist of at least nine (9) and not more than fifteen (15) members, excluding the chair, and shall include an officer of the Trans-European Division, and shall be chaired by the secretary of this Union Conference, or their designee. This committee shall function between the regularly scheduled constituency meetings and shall submit its reports and detailed recommendations through the Executive Committee to the next regular or special constituency meeting.**