2019 Meeting Procedure Amendments

All language in the Meeting Procedure that pertains to the 2018 Constitution changes will be reflected in the new Meeting Procedure. Amendments # 8, 14, 18, & 25 were noted as such, and therefore were discarded and not voted upon. They are automatically changed. Addition of “Grand,” medical references, junior institutes, etc., and other changes concerning numbering, grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary were adopted.

Amendments concerning the following were withdrawn by the author/s. #22 (initiation); #29, 30, 31, 35, 38 (financial secretary); #34 (sequence); #39 (motions); # 41,42, 43 (closing ceremonies).

Amendment # 1, adding instruction pages for motions and amendments to Opening Ceremonies directions, adopted. (Refer to quick reference Motion sheets included in packet. These sheets can be put at front of meeting procedure binder. Motions and Amendments can be found on pages 18 & 19 of Meeting Procedure. Rules of Order can be found on pages 43 & 44 of Constitution.)

Amendments #2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21, concerning incorrect page numbers and incorrect diagram number references, adopted.

Amendment # 3, changing language in directions concerning the seating of trustees from “shall” to “may”, adopted.

Amendment #4, correcting Opening Prayer language from “to” to “so”, adopted.

Amendment #5, changing language of Opening Prayer, lost.

Amendment #6, changing order of primary leader of prayer in Opening Prayer to “Past President (Chaplin, if present)” adopted.
An additional amendment was moved to replace all language in Meeting Procedure regarding order of primary leader of prayer to “Past President (Chaplain, if present).” Motion carried.

Amendment #7, changing language in directions concerning prospective members from “should” to “shall”, adopted.

Amendment #9, changing placement of officers for installation of new members, lost.

Amendment #15, eliminating language in directions for individual ballot votes in the acceptance of new members, adopted.
Amendment #16, changing format of directions for initiation of new members to bullet points, adopted.

Amendments #17 & 19, changing language in directions for officers during initiation, adopted.

Amendment 20, changing language in directions for new members during initiation, adopted.

Amendments #23, 24a, adding language in directions to treasurer and general directions to include months Quarterly Report is read, adopted.

Note Amendment #24 had an additional amendment inserted concerning the Quarterly Report, and delegates voted on 24a and 24b as independent amendments.

Amendment #24b, changing language in directions concerning the order in which a member of the Board of Trustees reads the Quarterly Report to be consistent with the directions in the Manual for Trustees: 1. Summary of Membership, 2. Assessments, 3. Financial Summary, adopted.

Amendment #25, changing the language in the directions concerning the motion to accept the Quarterly Report from “salaries” to “gifts”, adopted.

Amendments #26, 32, changing the way in which money is moved during the Reports of Committees, lost.

Amendment #27, eliminating the role of the Committee Chairmen for Reports of Committees, lost.

Amendment #28, changing the placement of the Financial Secretary report, lost.

Amendments #33 & 36, changing the sequence for the order of business to XI New Business, XII Receipts, XIII Arrearage and Suspensions, adopted.

Amendment #37, adding language for Financial Secretary to report concerning Arrearage and Suspensions, adopted.

Amendment #40, bolding the directions concerning the Grand Officer and the Activity Report during Good of the Order, adopted.

Amendment #42, deleting the directive concerning removing and collecting regalia before closing the meeting, adopted.
Amendment #43, changing the language in the closing prayer concerning additional Hail Mary from “intervention” to “intention”, adopted.

Amendment #47, adding Diagrams for Room Set-Up for Subordinate Institutes, adopted.

Note Amendment #48, was divided into two parts concerning diagrams for regular meeting set-up, and delegates voted on 48a and 48b as independent amendments.

Amendment #48a, diagram for regular meeting set-up, adopted.

Amendment #48b, optional diagram for regular meeting set-up, lost.