

Resolution 4

EXECUTIVE OFFICER VOTING

1 WHEREAS, Much of the voice and choice of the body of the General Council has been
2 removed from the process of election of the general secretary and general
3 treasurer; and

4 WHEREAS, There is wisdom in seeking the counsel of a body of Spirit-led voters; and

5 WHEREAS, The highest voting authority within the General Council is the body of the
6 General Council in session; and

7 WHEREAS, The positions of general secretary and general treasurer have not always
8 been positions elected in the current manner; and

9 WHEREAS, In the past, the body of the General Council has been presented with only
10 a single candidate to consider; and

11 WHEREAS, In the past, these candidates have only been reappointments of individuals
12 who were appointed midterm as replacement candidates; and

13 WHEREAS, The General Council body has not been fully included in the selection of
14 these important positions; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws, Article II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
16 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph a.
17 General superintendent and assistant general superintendent, page 24,
18 which reads:

a. General superintendent and assistant general superintendent

19 All candidates for the offices of general superintendent and assistant
20 general superintendent shall be nominated by receiving fifteen (15) votes
21 or more by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be
22 necessary to constitute an election. In the event two-thirds of the votes
23 cast are received by a qualified candidate on the nominating ballot, an
24 election shall be declared. If no election has been declared after the
25 second elective ballot, the fifteen (15) candidates having the highest
26 number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further
27 voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated. If no election has
28 been declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates having
29 the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to
30 be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.
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1 Be amended to read:

2 **a. General superintendent, and assistant general**
3 **superintendent, general secretary, and general treasurer.** All
4 candidates for the offices of general superintendent, ~~and~~ assistant
5 general superintendent, general secretary, and general treasurer shall
6 be nominated by receiving fifteen (15) votes or more by secret ballot. A
7 two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an
8 election. In the event two-thirds of the votes cast are received by a
9 qualified candidate on the nominating ballot, an election shall be
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11 ballot, the fifteen (15) candidates having the highest number of votes in
12 the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all
13 other names shall be eliminated. If no election has been declared after
14 the third elective ballot, the three candidates having the highest number
15 of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon,
16 and all other names shall be eliminated.

17 And be it therefore further

18 **RESOLVED** That General Council Bylaws, Article II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
19 PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, paragraph b. Other
20 officers, pages 24–25, which reads:

21 **b. Other officers.** The general secretary, general treasurer,
22 executive director of Assemblies of God World Missions, and executive
23 director of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions shall be elected in the
24 following manner: The General Presbytery, serving as a nominating
25 committee, shall be entrusted with the responsibility of making careful
26 investigation concerning the qualifications and general fitness of
27 available candidates for these offices and shall select by secret ballot
28 one or more names to be presented for each office to the General Council
29 in session for election. The General Presbytery shall submit as nominees
30 to the General Council all qualified candidates who have received at least
31 10 percent of the votes cast by the General Presbytery. The candidates
32 shall be presented to and voted upon by secret ballot by the General
33 Council in session. In the event that only one candidate receives at least

1 10 percent of the votes cast in the General Presbytery nomination, the
2 vote distinction by the General Council shall be by selecting "yes" or "no."
3 There shall be no further nominations from the General Council floor. A
4 two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be required to elect. If no election
5 has been declared after the third elective ballot, the three candidates
6 having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be
7 nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be
8 eliminated.

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29 nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be
30 eliminated.

31 And be it therefore further

1 RESOLVED That the next election for these offices following the adoption of
2 amendments to these bylaws be conducted in accordance with the
3 amendments passed within this resolution.

Sponsor: Christopher M. "CM" Rhoades

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