

Decision Profile

Model Church Bylaws Revision

Decision Required:

Approval by DEXCOM of a revision to clause 3.3 of the *Model Church Bylaws*.

Why It's Coming to DEXCOM:

Revisions have been proposed to the mandatory clauses of the *Model Church Bylaws* (MCB) template and therefore must come to DEXCOM for approval.

Background

Churches continue to make progress towards meeting the DEXCOM mandate passed in 2016 that all churches conform to the mandatory core of bylaw elements in the MCB. An update on organized churches completing this initial mandated bylaw review is below:

Initial Review Completion	#	%
Complete	71	96%
In Process	3	4%
Total Churches	74	

The remaining 3 churches are **in process**:

Rocky Mountain Alliance Church – in the church review process

Vancouver Fountain Alliance Church – completing revisions after Bylaws Committee review

Vancouver Vietnamese Alliance Church – in the church review process

The mandated five-year review cycle is now into its second group of churches. An update on the progress of organized churches completing this review is below:

Churches Due in 2022		
Five-Year Review Completion	#	%
Complete	9	60%
In Process	6	40%
Total Churches Due	15	



Churches Due in 2023		
Five-Year Review Completion	#	%
Complete	3	30%
In Process	6	60%
Not Started	1	10%
Total Churches Due	10	

As work continues to assist churches in their required revision of their bylaws, it was felt that updates to the MCB were appropriate. The District Bylaws Committee recommends the revisions and additions listed by section below. The proposed revised version of the MCB is attached as D.13.1.

Part 3 – Government

Revision to clause 3.3 from:

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[The above bylaw clause 3.3 may only be used by unincorporated churches. From a wise governance perspective, churches are encouraged to use the alternate version of clause 3.3 for incorporated churches below.]

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- a) INCLUDE THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING
- b) INDICATE THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING
- c) IF APPLICABLE, INCLUDE THE TEXT OF ANY SPECIAL RESOLUTION(S) TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING

[The above bylaw clause 3.3 is mandatory for incorporated churches. This is a requirement of the *Societies Act* of BC (77, 78).]



Rationale:

The Bylaws Committee reviewed the recent changes to the *Societies Act* of BC, and the revision addresses the current requirements for incorporated churches. Additionally, unincorporated churches are also encouraged to provide the same notice.

Recommendation:

THAT the revision clause 3.3 of the *Model Church Bylaws* be approved.

