

# Evangelical Formosan Church Regulations of Elections

D0000

Last Amended by 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> on 2009

Notification Letter : 09GA50

The English translation for the following bylaws is tentative and has not been proof read or certified. Therefore, the original meaning of the bylaws should be interpreted from the Chinese version.

## **C1000 Chapter I Congregational Meeting**

- C1100 1. When the Board of Elders decides to call a Congregational Meeting, such announcement shall be made two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting in Sunday Services.
- C1200 2. A list of eligible voting members shall be posted when the announcement is made. Any objection shall be submitted within 7 days of the announcement. Corrections shall be made by the Board of Elders.
- C1300 3. Members shall be at least 18 years old and have been recorded and active for more than three months.
- C1400 4. When the quorum is counted, the number of those who are out of town or inevitably absent shall be deducted. No absentee vote is accepted.
- C1500 5. Members who are refrained from Holy Communion by the Board of Elders have no rights for voting nor candidacy.
- C1600 6. Voting shall be conducted anonymously.
- C1700 7. Ballots shall be kept for six months, for examination by GA.
- C1800 8. The result of election shall be publicized for two weeks. Within this period, if there is any objection, reasons and evidences should be submitted to the Board of Elders for clarification.
- C1900 9. Elections that are discrepant with EFC By-laws and Regulations shall be nullified. (Above duties of the Board of Elders shall be carried by a Church Council or Council of Co-workers if it has not been established in a church)

## **C2000 Chapter II Election of Co-workers (Dependent Churches)**

- C2100 1. Presider of the meeting: A delegate appointed by its Founding Unit or GA.
- C2200 2. Qualification of candidates
- C2210 A. One that is of good reputation, faithfully involved in ministries of Salvation and so forth, and a follower of Biblical teachings as mentioned in I. Tim 3:8-13.
- C2220 B. Member baptized for more than one year.
- C2300 3. Nomination: For the first term, nomination is made by Founding Unit or GA. After that, nomination shall be made by the Council of Co-workers.
- C2400 4. Election
- C2410 A. During the Pioneering period, co-workers are to be appointed by the Founding Unit.
- C2420 B. During the Organizing period, co-workers are to be elected from and by their members.
- C2430 C. Number of co-workers are to be decided by the Founding Unit or Council of Co-workers.
- C2440 D. To be elected, a candidate must have a majority vote of the members present.
- C2500 5. Term of office:
- C2510 A. Two years, may be re-elected.
- C2520 B. The term of first Council of Co-workers shall be chosen by lot, half of them shall serve two years, and the remaining one year.
- C2530 C. Council of Co-workers automatically dissolve after the church becomes independent.

## **C3000 Chapter III Election of Elders and Deacons**

- C3100 1. Presider: The Chairperson of Church Council shall preside the election. In case the chairperson is a candidate, the order of succession to preside shall be the Vice Chairperson, the Secretary, and the Treasurer .
- C3200 2. Qualification of Candidate:
- C3210 A. Elder
- C3211 a. A candidate must lead a life with purity and is well respected in concord with the following Biblical teachings -- I Peter 5:1-3, I Timothy 3:1-7, and Titus 1:5-9.
- C3212 b. A candidate must have 1) been a deacon at least one term and an active member two years at this church, or 2) been an elder or a deacon at other churches for more than three years and been an active member for more than three years at this church.
- C3220 B. Deacon

## Evangelical Formosan Church Regulations of Elections

---

- C3221 a. The candidate shall be a person of good reputation, faithfully involved in soul saving ministry and other ministries of the church, and a follower of the Biblical teachings such as I Timothy 3:8-13.
- C3222 b. He/She shall be an active member of the church for more than a year, and been baptized for more than two years.
- C3300 3. Nomination:
- C3310 A. Primary nomination will be initiated at the Church Council and must be approved by the Board of Elders. If the nominee is considered not proper for the position, the Board of Elders may appoint the Chairperson to talk to the nominee and advice him/her to give up the right to be a candidate. If he/she is not willing to give up the right to be a candidate, the Board of Elders may dissolve said person's right to be a candidate.
- C3320 B. The chairperson of the Church Council shall contact each nominee. The pastor and the Chairperson of the Church Council shall check with his/her dedication and willingness to serve in the nominated position. The list of nominees must be posted two weeks prior to the election.
- C3400 4. Election Date: the election shall be made by first day of November each year.
- C3500 5. Election:
- C3510 A. The quorum shall be more than one half of all active members. Ballots must be counted during the meeting.
- C3520 B. To be elected an elder must win two thirds of the votes, deacon one half.
- C3530 C. If the number of elected fails to fill the seats, a second voting from the list of the remaining candidates may be conducted at the same meeting to meet an intended number.
- C3540 D. If the second voting yet to meet the intended number, no further voting should be conducted. The Board of Elders or the Church Council should decide within one month whether to hold another election or not.
- C3600 6. Term of office:
- C3610 A. Elders
- C3611 a. Three years, and may be re-elected for another term.
- C3612 b. For the first Board of Elders: terms shall be determined by lot. Two-fifths for three years, another two fifths for 2 years and the remaining one fifths one year. (Two years or more is to be regarded as one term.)
- C3620 B. Deacons:
- C3621 a. Two years, and may be re-elected for two more terms.
- C3622 b. For the first council, terms must be determined by lot. One half shall serve two years the other one half one year. (Those who serve the one year-term, may be re-elected for three consecutive terms.)
- C3700 7. When there is a vacancy, the Board of Elders may decide to hold an election to fill it.

### **C4000 Chapter IV Election of Pastor-in-Charge and Vice Pastor-in-Charge of General Assembly**

- C4100 1. Presider: Moderator to the General Assembly.
- C4200 2. Qualification:
- C4210 A. Current EFC senior pastors.
- C4220 B. Having been pastoring EFC local churches full-time for more than five years after their ordinations.
- C4300 3. The Peronnal Committee of General Assembly shall nominate five candidates from a list of qualified Senior Pastors to be elected Pastor-in-Charge and Vice Pastor-in-Charge. The list of candidates shall be approved by the Executive Board before putting on ballot for the next General Assembly Meeting. The nomination shall be made in the last Executive Board Meeting before the next General Assembly Meeting (usually in the beginning of November).
- C4400 4. Election:
- C4410 A. Quorum must be more than one half of General Assembly Meeting delegates. Election shall be conducted anonymously.
- C4420 B. The person who wins the most votes among all who has received a majority of the valid votes shall be the Pastor-in-Charge-elect.
- C4430 C. If none of the candidates has received a majority of valid votes, a second voting shall be conducted. The two candidates who received the most votes shall be the candidates of the second voting . Winner of the two shall be the Pastor- in-Charge-elect.
- C4440 D. After the Pastor-in-Charge is elected, the Vice Pastor-in-Charge shall be elected from the remaining four candidates according to what is stated in C4420 and C4430.

## Evangelical Formosan Church Regulations of Elections

---

C4500 5. Term of office: Two years, and may be re-elected for one more term.

### **C5000 Chapter V Election of Board Directors**

C5100 1. Presider: Moderator of the General Assembly. If the Moderator is a candidate, the order of succession to preside shall be the Vice Moderator, the Secretary, and the Treasurer .

C5200 2. Qualification of Candidates

C5210 A. Current elders or deacons of EFC local churches whose Christian life bears good witness and is well respected.

C5220 B. Lay Christians with vision and burden for EFCGA ministry.

C5230 C. One who has been an elder or a deacon at EFC for more than six years, currently serving as an elder or a deacon in EFC and has been a chairperson of a local church Council of Co-workers or has served at least one term as an EFCGA Executive Board member.

C5240 D. ~~Must be a lay delegate to the General Assembly Meeting.~~ 【25-6】

C5300 3. Nomination:

C5310 A. The Personnel Committee of General Assembly is the Nomination Committee.

C5320 B. Each local church shall submit their recommendation list and brief introduction of the intended candidates to the Nomination Committee of General Assembly by the end of October the year prior to the next General Assembly Meeting.

C5330 C. The nomination committee will evaluate suggested candidates in the last Executive Board Meeting prior to the year of the General Assembly Meeting.

C5340 D. The Nomination Committee may also select suitable persons as candidates from the General Assembly Meeting delegates.

C5350 E. The Nomination Committee shall nominate candidates equivalent to the number of seats of the Board or more in consideration of their gifts and the region they represent.

C5360 F. The Nomination Committee shall notify local churches and nominees by December 22 of the year prior to the next General Assembly Meeting.

C5400 4. Election:

C5410 A. Quorum shall be more than one half of all General Assembly Meeting delegates. Voting shall be conducted anonymously.

C5420 B. Board members shall be elected in the order of the number of votes they received.

C5430 C. To be elected one must receive more than one half of the valid votes.

C5440 D. If the number of elected fails to fill the seats, a second voting from the list of the remaining candidates may be conducted on the same day, until all seats are filled.

C5500 5. ~~Term of office: each term is two years and may be re-elected for two more terms.~~ 【25-6】

### **C6000 Chapter VI Election of Department Heads**

C6100 1. Presider: The Moderator of General Assembly. If the Moderator is a candidate, the order of succession to preside shall be the Vice Moderator, the Secretary, and the Treasurer .

C6200 2. Qualifications:

C6210 A. All General Assembly Meeting delegates with good Christian livings.

C6220 B. With visions and burden for EFCGA ministry.

C6230 C. Ministers who have served full-time for more than two years at EFC. Laymen who have served as elders or deacons for more than four years. Both should be currently serving at EFC churches.

C6300 3. Nomination:

C6310 A. The Personnel Committee is the Nomination Committee.

C6320 B. Local churches and EFC insitutions may recommend candidates and submit their information to the Nomination Committee by the end of October the year prior to the next General Assembly Meeting. The information submitted should include the department they would like to serve and a brief introduction of the candidates.

C6330 C. The Nomination Committee shall evaluate suggested candidates in the last Executive Board Meeting prior to the year of the General Assembly Meeting.

C6340 D. The Nomination Committee may select suitable persons as candidates from the General Assembly Meeting

## Evangelical Formosan Church Regulations of Elections

---

delegates.

- C6350 E. The newly elected Board of Directors shall appoint the Board department heads among themselves.
- C6360 F. For non-Board departments, the Nomination Committee shall nominate one to three candidates for each department.
- C6370 G. The Nomination Committee shall notify the local churches and nominees by December 22<sup>nd</sup> prior to the year of the next General Assembly Meeting.
- C6400 4. Election
- C6410 A. Quorum shall be more than one half of all General Assembly Meeting delegates. Voting shall be conducted anonymously.
- C6420 B. The following positions and Department Heads shall be filled by the Board Directors: The Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and Department of By-laws, Benefits, Planning, EFC Funds and more departments if needed in the future.
- C6430 C. To be elected one must receive more than one half of the valid votes.
- C6440 D. In case a second voting is needed, the two candidates who received the most votes from the first voting shall be the candidates of the second voting . Winner of the two shall be the elected.
- C6500 5. Term of office:
- C6510 A. The term of Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer is two year and may be re-elected once.
- C6520 B. The term of the Department Heads charged by the Board Directors is two years and may be re-elected ~~twice~~ once. 【25-6】
- C6530 C. The term of non-Board Department Heads is two years and may be re-elected twice.

### **C7000 Chapter VII Election of EFCGA Moderator and Vice Moderator**

- C7100 1. Presider: The Moderator of General Assembly. If the Moderator is a candidate, the order of succession to preside shall be the Vice Moderator, the Secretary, and the Treasurer .
- C7200 2. Qualifications:
- C7210 A. Current elders or deacons of EFC local churches whose Christian life bears good witness and is well respected.
- C7220 B. Lay Christians with vision and burden for EFCGA ministry.
- C7230 C. One who has been an elder or a deacon at EFC for more than six years, currently serving as an elder or a deacon in EFC and has been a chairperson of a local church Council of Co-workers or has served at least one term as an EFCGA Executive Board member.
- C7240 D. Must be a lay delegate to the General Assembly Meeting.
- C7300 3. Nomination:
- C7310 A. The Personnel Committee of General Assembly is the Nomination Committee.
- C7320 B. Each local church shall submit their recommendation list and brief introduction of the intended candidates to the Nomination Committee of General Assembly by the end of October the year prior to the next General Assembly Meeting.
- C7330 C. The nomination committee will evaluate suggested candidates in the last Executive Board Meeting prior to the year of the General Assembly Meeting.
- C7340 D. The Nomination Committee may also select suitable persons as candidates from the General Assembly Meeting delegates (who is qualified as a candidate of Board Directors).
- C7350 E. The Nomination Committee shall nominate five candidates from the list of Board Director nominees who has sufficient background and willingness to serve to be the candidates for Moderator and Vice Moderator, then submit the nomination to the Executive Board for approval to be put on ballot in the next General Assembly Meeting. The candidates for Moderator and Vice Moderator shall be elected Board Directors in the General Assembly Meeting before their candidacy becomes official.
- C7400 4. Election:
- C7410 A. Quorum shall be more than one half of all General Assembly Meeting delegates. Voting shall be conducted anonymously.
- C7420 B. The person who wins the most votes among all who has received a majority of the valid votes shall be the Moderator elected.
- C7430 C. If none of the candidates has received a majority of valid votes, a second voting shall be conducted. The two candidates who received the most votes shall be the candidates of the second voting . Winner of the two shall be

## Evangelical Formosan Church Regulations of Elections

---

the Moderator-elect.

C7440 D. After the Moderator is elected, the Vice Moderator shall be elected from the remaining four candidates according to what is stated in C7420 and C7430.

C7500 5. Term of office: each term is two years and may be re-elected for one more term.

Note:

1. The numbers in the mark “【】” means that the rules in this file has been updated on 【x<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting -of the x<sup>th</sup> General Assembly】