

New Rule & Procedure Section 34.02: Venue Approval for a Trustee-Meeting-Only Session

Whereas Guidance Code Article VIII, Section 13 assigns the Board of Trustees responsibility for determining the date and place of our International Conferences, and Hosting An International Conference, Introduction, confirms that the location of each International Conference is determined by a vote of the Board of Trustees; and

Whereas Hosting An International Conference, Introduction, ¶ 3, delegates site selection to the Executive Board ***only for the narrow circumstance in which an International Conference has failed to receive bids at three (3) successive physical Trustees meetings and is cancelled, with a Trustees-meeting-only session held in its place***; and

Whereas neither the Guidance Code nor the Rules & Procedures otherwise assigns responsibility for the venue of a Board of Trustees meeting that is not a full International Conference, including but not limited to a Trustees-meeting-only session held under the circumstance described above (see Rules & Procedures, Article XXXIV, which addresses only the financial handling of such a session and is silent as to venue); and

Whereas the Board of Trustees has an interest in retaining a voice in the selection of the venue for any meeting of the Board, consistent with the principle already reflected in Guidance Code Article VIII, Section 13; the aforementioned addition to the Rules & Procedures is proposed so as to establish consistency in selection/approval of BOT meetings (only), and International Conferences, as implicitly framed in Guidance Code Article VIII, Section 13.

This proposed change is furthermore submitted in faithful service to Unity Step 3 – Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Proposed New Rule & Procedure, Section 34.02 –

Section 34.02 Venue Approval for a Trustees-Meeting-Only Session. Whenever the Board of Trustees is to convene a meeting that is not held in conjunction with an International Conference - with the sole exception of a Trustees-meeting-only session convened after the cancellation of an International Conference under the provisions of Hosting An International Conference Introduction, ¶ 3 - the proposed venue shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval by simple majority vote before the site is finalized. Where the timing of a cancellation does not allow the proposed venue to be presented at a physical Trustees meeting, approval may instead be obtained by mail meeting (Article XX), quick response meeting (Article XXIX), or absentee ballot (Article I), as circumstances require. No venue for such a meeting shall be considered final until so approved.