

GLR Standing Rules

I. LEGAL INFORMATION

- A. Great Lakes District will be doing business as the Great Lakes Region and will be known as the Great Lakes Region (GLR).
- B. Property Deeds (Disc. 4680)
All property deeds are to remain as documented unless property is being sold, purchased, or titles being changed in any way. When a change is required, the new property deed must read as follows: *Great Lakes Region Of The Wesleyan Church, Inc. a Michigan Ecclesiastical Corporation, Trustee, 1200 60th Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. The grantee herein, by accepting this deed, agrees to hold the said premise in trust for the use and benefit of the ministry and members of The Wesleyan Church, Incorporated, under the laws of the State of Indiana as The Wesleyan Church Corporation subject to The Discipline, regulations, and appointments of said Church as from time to time legislated and declared. Also, all local church property within the district shall held by the district in accordance with The Discipline, paragraph 4680.*
- C. All local church and regional property shall be insured and carry adequate values on said property and contents.

II. REGIONAL BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- A. Regional Board Of Administration Terms
The term of the initial Regional Board Of Administration (RBA) shall be 2 years, and go from August 24, 2018 through the rise of the 2020 District Conference. For more information please refer to document GLR Supplemental Information, roman numeral I.
- B. Assistant District Superintendents (Disc. 1180:31, 1180:19, 1320, 1323, 1327) In order to accomplish the mission, vision and goals of the GLR, the conference authorizes the Regional Board of Administration, with the recommendations from the Regional Superintendent, to have one or more Assistant District Superintendents. Assistant District Superintendents may also be called Assistant Regional Superintendents. The Assistant Regional Superintendents shall be ex-officio members of the RBA.
- C. Regional Board Of Trustees (Disc. 1360)
Regional Board of Trustees shall consist of five regional trustees, namely:
 - 1. the Regional Superintendent,
 - 2. the designated Assistant Regional Superintendent assigned by the Regional Superintendent,
 - 3. the Regional Treasurer,
 - 4. the Regional Board of Administration Secretary,
 - 5. another person(s) designated by the Regional Board of Administration.

All legal documents executed on behalf of the Great Lakes Region of The Wesleyan

Church must be signed by at least two Regional Trustees. Any deeds pertaining to regional or local owned property must contain the trust clause as provided for in Section 4690 of The Discipline.

D. Other Regional Boards (Disc. 1180:31-35, 1209;2,3; 1250;2)

Authority shall be delegated to the RBA to appoint boards, officers and other personnel in the accomplishment of the region's mission, unless such officers or personnel require election by the Regional Conference per The Discipline 1250.

III. CONFERENCE (Local/Regional)

A. Virtual Conference and Voting

The RBA may use all technological means to carry on business and have Regional Conference to accomplish the goal of having a unified region without creating a great expense. A "real-time" vote can also be taken on all issues using all technological means that the RBA sees appropriate. If the RBA chooses to use this technology, they will set appropriate meeting etiquette and practices for those that wish to participate in a "virtual" conference.

B. Resolutions and Memorials (Disc. 1150)

All resolutions and memorials to be presented to the regional conference shall be submitted to the Conference Action Committee at least ninety days before the opening of said conference. The committee shall provide copies of all resolutions and memorials to be presented to the regional conference to each regional conference delegate at least fifteen days before the opening of the conference.

C. Nominations (Disc. 558) All nominations to the Regional Conference for positions of: RBA members, nominating committee members, General Conference delegates, and Conference Action Committee will be submitted from the currently seated Nominating Committee. Appropriate vetting (see Disc. 558 and 260-268) will take place by the Nominating Committee. Any member of the Wesleyan Church in the Great Lakes Region may submit names to the Nominating Committee for consideration. The Nominating Committee ballot will be submitted to the conference delegates two weeks prior to the conference. At the conference opportunity will be given for nominations from the floor.

D. Amendments

Standing rules may be amended at any regularly called session of the Annual Regional Conference by a majority vote of those present and entitled to vote.

IV. FINANCE

A. USF

The RBA has the authority to review and adjust the USF to meet the regional missional directives and empower the local church. For more information please refer to document GLR Supplemental Information, II.

V. OTHER ENTITIES

A. Wesleyan Woods, Vassar MI

1. The Wesleyan Woods property is owned by the GLR. It is operated as a faith based, non-profit campground by the Wesleyan Woods Corporation, under a lease agreement with the Region. The lease is to be reviewed and renewed at least 1 year before the current lease is to expire.
2. Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation, the Wesleyan Woods Corporation shall be organized on a directorship basis, with six of its board members appointed by the RBA of the Great Lakes Region of The Wesleyan Church. The RBA shall annually receive and review the financial reports of the Wesleyan Woods Corporation to evaluate its viability and sustainability.

B. The East Michigan Christian Community Development Association (EMCCDA)

1. The East Michigan Christian Community Development Association is a sub-corporation of the Great Lakes Region. The ministry programming is administered by the Mosaic Church of Detroit.
2. The Great Lakes Regional Board of Administration shall appoint three individuals to serve as a part of the EMCCDA Board of Directors.

C. Whispering Pines Wesleyan Camp and Conference Center Board, Manton, MI

1. The Whispering Pines Wesleyan Camp and Conference Center property is owned by the GLR. The Whispering Pines Wesleyan Camp & Conference Center Board will have a minimum of five members appointed by the RBA to serve for two-year terms. At least half of the membership shall be on alternating terms.
2. The RBA will appoint the Director of Whispering Pines Wesleyan Camp & Conference Center Board as recommended by Whispering Pines Wesleyan Camp & Conference Center Board.
3. Policies and procedures for the Whispering Pines Wesleyan Camp & Conference Center Board will be stated in the District Ministries Policy and Procedure Manual.