

Proposal Item: _____

Order of Debate Number: _____

REGION NINE ASSEMBLY 2021
NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS

MOTION:

We move to add a clause in the Policies and Procedures which makes provision for future assemblies to be “hybrid” in nature. In this context “hybrid” means a combination of meeting face to face and with the use of technology. It means that we are making provision for representatives of service bodies who are unable to travel to attend and to be able to have a voice and a vote at Assembly at distance.

We move to add a clause under 1.5 Location and Election of Assembly:

1.5c “Region 9 Assembly may combine meeting face to face with technology such that representatives of service bodies that are unable to travel are able to be counted as present and have a voice and a vote using technological solutions”

***SUBMITTED BY:**

NAME: ALEXANDRA D

SERVICE BODY OR COMMITTEE: CHAIR OF OA REGION 9

INTENT:

THE INTENT IS TO MAKE IT EXPLICIT IN OUR POLICIES THAT THE ASSEMBLY CAN TAKE PLACE IN A HYBRID FORM COMBINING FACE TO FACE WITH TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS AND THAT REPRESENTATIVES CAN ATTEND VIRTUALLY AND HAVE A VOICE AND A VOTE.

IMPLEMENTATION:

THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO CREATE A HYBRID ASSEMBLY IS STILL A “WORK IN PROGRESS” AS WE ARE LEARNING VERY MUCH “ON THE JOB” IN TERMS OF WHAT IT IS TO STEER REGION 9 THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. THE WORDING OF THE CHANGES IS INTENDED TO MAKE PROVISION FOR IT SO WE CAN PROCEED TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR 2022 AND BEYOND.

COST:

There will be a cost to hosting a hybrid assembly which is yet to be determined. There is no cost to changing the policy to make provision for it.

RATIONALE:

THIS MOTION IS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC RESULTING FROM THE COVID 19 VIRUS. ANTICIPATING THAT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL MAY CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED BY THIS AND OTHER GLOBAL EVENTS AND / OR THE COST OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL MAY RISE SIGNIFICANTLY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL THE DIVERSE AND FAR FLUNG SERVICE BODIES AND FUTURE SERVICE BODIES YET TO BE DEVELOPED ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, HAVE A VOICE AND A VOTE AT ASSEMBLY, IT HAS BECOME A PRESSING CONSIDERATION THAT WE MAKE PROVISION IN OUR POLICIES FOR A HYBRID ASSEMBLY. BY USING THE WORD "MAY" RATHER THAN "WILL" IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT IF WE NEED TO CREATE A HYBRID ASSEMBLY COMBINING FACE TO FACE WITH TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS IN THE FUTURE WE DO SO WITH THE CONSENT OF THE ASSEMBLY (IT MIGHT NOT BE NEEDED BUT AT LEAST IT IS POSSIBLE).

Per our R9 Bylaws, Article XII 1b:

Any motions submitted to the Region 9 Chair and/or Region 9 Bylaws Committee ninety (90) days or more prior to the annual Assembly, can only be submitted by a Region 9 Service Body or a Region 9 Committee.
