

## **Resolution 19.02**

### **Regarding Synod Board Membership**

**Whereas,** When the conference structure of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod was first established boundaries were drawn providing for roughly equal membership among conferences; and

**Whereas,** In the years since, population shifts have resulted in significantly unequal membership; and

**Whereas,** This has resulted in some conferences being underrepresented on synod boards and others having difficulty filling board positions; and

**Whereas,** Following extended study and discussion, the Synod Council declined to realign conference boundaries and structure; and

**Whereas,** The Synod Council believes the mission of the synod will be best served with a new approach to board membership; therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That Chapter 11 of the Synod Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions be amended as follows:

S11.01.02. All members of synod boards shall serve three-year terms and are eligible for re-election. ~~Each conference shall elect one member for each board. The Synod Council shall appoint two at-large members for each board. Five conferences on a rotating basis shall elect one member for each board. Conferences that are not currently represented will be given preference in the board election process. The Nominating Committee will nominate five at-large members for each board attending to synod population, geography, gifts, and experience.~~

*Submitted by Southwestern Minnesota Synod Council*

*Reviewed by Resolutions Committee - April 30, 2019*