

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

The only part of the Association statute where the Regional assembly is mentioned is in point 4.2, transcribed below.

*“4.2 At Regional level there is a President elected every four years, by absolute majority at the General Assembly, made up of group members who have made the "promise"- The President is assisted by two counselors, also elected in the Regional Assembly.  
The election will take place after an adequate preparation period in the presence of a General Council member or the General President's delegate. The regional scope is determined by the Association President with his Council's consent.*

The "General Assembly Regulations", approved in 2015 by the Assembly itself, may be a useful instrument for the Regional Assembly, ( to this we will refer whenever possible), with caution, because both situations may have different connotations.

With the above exposed points we proceed with the following rules:

- 1) **Summons.** The Regional elective assembly will be summoned by the President in charge, with his two counselors' consent. in written and mail form.(Regulations 3.2), it will contain the Assembly order of the day.
- 2) **Preparation.** The election will take place after an adequate preparation period in the presence of a General Council member or the General President's delegate.(Est. 4.2)
- 3) **Valid constitution of members with right to vote.** The Assembly will be valid in its constitution if at least 50% of members with right to vote are present, while in the second summons this percentage will not be necessary.  
Members with **right to vote (Regulations 1.1)** are vernian people in the auditorium who have made or renewed their promise the previous year in the regional area and have regularly been part of the group activities, both in the spiritual formative area and the operative one.
- 4) **Task.** It has the primary task of choosing the President and two Counselors, evaluating the association regional life, making up meetings and activities calendar, and drawing up a quadriennial programme.
- 5) **External members.** External auditors and members of the clergy will be able to participate. They may speak and give their opinion (Regulations 2.2), **they must leave the auditorium at the time of the election.**
- 6) **Abuses.** Assembly members must *"refrain from abuses or personal preferences, they must bear in mind only God and the welfare of the Association, they will choose the persons they know worthy and proper for the task. Besides, they will have to avoid trying to get votes for themselves or for others, whether it is directly or indirectly"* (Regulations 5.1.2) (CDC Can. 626)
- 7) **Preliminary operations.** A secretary is chosen first, by show of hands. His/her job is to draw up the minutes of the assembly as well as the election and collection of data. (Regulations 2.1) After this two scrutineers.(Regulations 2.2) are chosen, by show of hands.
- 8) **Vote.** We remind all that vote, according to ruling of Can 172,1,1°-2°, "must be free, secret, certain, absolute, determined".(Regulations 5.1.3)
- 9) **Delegation.** No form of delegation is admitted.
- 10) **Elections.** The President is elected every four years. An absolute majority is required (ST 4.2), that is, a number of votes over half the number of members with the right to vote present in the auditorium. If the name of the Regional President is not obtained after two rounds, a balloting will be held between the two most voted candidates. (Obviously both candidates won't vote).
- 11) Counselors also last four years, their election is also by "absolute majority", following the same procedure. The most voted one will be the Regional Vicepresident.

12) Regional President and Counselors' election will be finished only when they effectively accept their post, at the moment of the election.

13) Regional President and Counselors are eligible among all vernian lay people with promise the preceding year, who have taken part in the Group activities, even if they are not present. Their immediate acceptance will be asked, of course. Otherwise, the election will continue.

14) Group responsible people may also be chosen at the Assembly, when their period has finished. Of course, the election will be carried out only with the group members. by absolute majority, with an iterative procedure. Candidates must fulfill the same requisites mentioned above (that is, those with promise the preceding year, who have taken part in the Group activities) Compare St. 4.1. *"At local level there are groups formed, duly recognized, with a responsible person chosen by the group members, every four years."*

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