



EXCERPT FROM 2010–2015 USP BYLAWS

ARTICLE IX. COUNCIL OF THE CONVENTION

Section 1. Duties.

There shall be a Council of the Convention which shall have the following general duties:

- a. Developing rules and procedures for inviting Voting Organizational Members, including criteria for membership and procedures for removing Voting Organizational Members for cause as defined in Article III, Section 7;
- b. Recommending the invitation of additional Voting Organizational Members or the removal of Voting Organizational Members to the Board of Trustees in accordance with the established rules and procedures;
- c. Establishing criteria for organizations to be invited as Observers to the Convention, inviting organizations to become Observers pursuant to such criteria, and developing rules and procedures for Observer participation;
- d. Developing resolutions that advance the purposes of the Convention set forth in Article II for the Voting Members to approve based on input from the Membership, the Board and, where appropriate, the Council of Experts. The proposed resolutions shall be submitted to the Board and Council of Experts for a resource assessment and provided to the Membership along with the findings of the Board and Council of Experts by electronic mail or by a link to the USP website not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Regular Membership Meeting; and
- e. Developing approaches and mechanisms for engaging and communicating with the Membership in the periods between Regular Membership Meetings.

Section 2. Number, Term and Qualifications.

The Council of the Convention shall be composed of not more than twenty-five (25) persons who are (i) Delegates or other representatives of Voting Organizational Members, or (ii) Voting At Large Members. The Council shall include at least one Voting Organizational Member representative from each category of Voting Organizational Member specified in Article III, Section 1a(i) above. The Council of the Convention members shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the EVP–CEO and subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. The President of the Convention shall be the Chair of the Council of the Convention. The Council of the Convention shall be organized not later than six months after the Regular Membership Meeting and its members shall continue in office until adjournment of the next Regular Membership Meeting or until their successors are appointed.

Section 3. Rules.

The Council of the Convention shall adopt rules and procedures for its own governance and to carry out its duties as described above. Prior to adoption, the proposed rules and procedures shall be submitted to the Governance Committee of the Convention for review and to the Board for approval as set forth in Article X, Section 1c.