

October 16, 2006

To: All Region 12 Unit Presidents

From: David Putnam, San Joaquin Unit

I have researched the requirements for submitting the proposed Constitutional Amendment we offered at the Region 12 Board meeting. The process is not as simple as we were led to believe.

Article XVI, Section 2 of the WBCCI Constitution requires that the amendment be passed by the Region Board, and that such passage be certified by the Region President. In order to meet the requirements, I am sending a copy of the proposed amendment to you and ask that you present this to your members ASAP for a vote on whether or not they wish to support the amendment. When you have done so, would you please send a letter to Jim Elmlinger, our Region President, so he can compose a letter of certification to be sent to Jackson Center affirming that the proposed amendment has been approved by a majority of the Units of Region 12? This certification must arrive at HQ on or before March 1, 2007 so it can be presented to the Delegates in Perry, Georgia. We had thought it could be presented to the IBT at the Mid-Winter Board meeting, but Article XVI, Sec. 2 makes no provision for submission to the IBT, only to the Delegates Assembly. I would suppose the IBT could be advised that such an amendment is being submitted, though.

I apologize for any confusion at Woodland. I thought since most of us voted for this name change in Salem, it would be easy. I should have sent out copies of our motion earlier, but our schedule kept us running after Salem, including a trip to southern California for the birth of a new family member, to a trip to Scottsbluff, Nebraska so mom could see her cousin for a few days. Do you suppose maybe we don't have sense enough to stay home?

Anyway, please do submit the amendment to your members, and advise Jim of your results as soon as you can do so. Thanks.

Sincerely,



David H. Putnam, on behalf of
Babs Stimmel, President
San Joaquin California Unit, WBCCI