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3.1 Process for locals to cluster to elect delegates to the KEA DA

Article III, Section 2(a) of the KEA Constitution states:

Section 2. Allocation of Delegates.

- a. Representation shall be based on the following schedule: one delegate for each local association having fifty (50) Active members or major fraction thereof and one additional delegate for each fifty (50) Active members or major fraction thereof. In situations where the membership is too small to justify a delegate, local associations within district associations may combine their memberships for the purpose of delegate authorization.

The constitution does not specify the process by which locals may cluster. The following process was recommended by the Compliance/Constitution Committee and approved by the KEA Board of Directors:

1. Clustering can occur between two locals or among three or more locals.
2. Locals clustering to elect delegates MUST be within the same KEA district.
3. It is preferred, but not required, that locals clustering to elect delegates be geographically contiguous.
4. EACH local president who is considering clustering must agree to cluster.
5. The clustered locals must inform KEA in writing of their decision to cluster before delegate elections can occur. KEA will let the clustered locals know how many delegates they can elect.
6. The clustered locals must hold a joint election for delegates. The election should be held at a time and by a process agreeable to all the locals who are participating.
7. The election for delegates must allow open nominations, meaning that ALL members in ALL locals clustering must be given an opportunity to be nominated and elected as delegates or alternates.

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8. The election for delegates must occur by secret ballot and must comply with the one person one vote requirement. The election can occur at a joint in-person meeting, electronically, or by mail.
9. The election results must be reported to KEA in writing and must be signed by the local president of EVERY local involved in the clustering. The appropriate delegate and alternate report form should also be submitted.
10. Delegates and alternates elected by clustered locals will have to be approved by the Compliance/Constitution Committee.

History:

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