

Resolution 2020-02
Grand Master Consolidation Review
(Requires 2/3 majority for approval)

Synopsis: This Resolution proposes to amend only Sub-Section (h) of Statute 11-201. The Grand Master must do more than merely review the results of the balloting, he must be satisfied that proper procedure was followed.

Therefore be it resolved that Section 11-201(h) be amended as follows:
(Additions in **bold type**, Deletions in ~~strike through~~)

Section 11-201 – Proposing Consolidation of Lodges. Two or more Lodges, located near each other, may consolidate into one upon such terms as may be agreed upon by themselves as hereinafter set forth:

- (a) The members of each Lodge shall be given at least 90 days' notice before the stated meeting at which such proposition is to be acted upon
- (b) The proposition shall require the assent, in writing, of at least two-thirds of the members of each Lodge.
- (c) The assent of the members shall consist of that assent which is received from those members who complete and return a written ballot to adopt such proposal for consolidation consisting of:
 - (1) A written ballot whereby the member can declare his consent to or dissent from the proposed action of the Lodge, and
 - (2) A self-addressed stamped envelope for the members use.
- (d) A member's ballot must have been received by the Secretary of the Lodge by the date and hour of the stated meeting at which the consolidation is to be acted upon, and
- (e) For the purposes of this Section, a "member" shall be any Master Mason of the Lodge who is neither suspended nor expelled at the time the vote is taken.
- (f) The Worshipful Master and Secretary shall count the number of valid written ballots submitted at the stated meeting for which notice was given (or if no quorum present to conduct the stated meeting).
- (g) The number of yes and no votes will be certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary and forwarded to the Grand Secretary together with:
 - (1) All ballots submitted, and
 - (2) A copy of all notices sent to the members, and
 - (3) A certificate indicating when notice was mailed to the members of the Lodge.
- (h) The Grand Master, **with the assistance of the Grand Secretary**, shall review ~~the results of the balloting and declare the results.~~ **the above submitted records then notify the Consolidating Lodges of his decision either in writing or electronic form that must possess the ability to be printed.**

Submitted by

Earl L. Wunder, PM (13, 14)
Robert Weed, PM (22)

Jason Morrett, PM (7)
Eric Dupree, PM (66, 86)