

Amendment, proposed by Mr. Monkhouse, seconded by Mr. Bolton, "That the words three, 'two,' and 'one,' be substituted for the 'five,' 'three,' and 'two' respectively."

The resolution was carried as amended.

Proposed by Mr. Bolton, seconded by Mr. Von Reden, "That each County Council shall appoint its representative to attend the meetings of the association, and each representative present at a meeting shall have one vote."—Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Von Reden, seconded by Mr. Phillips, "At the session to be held not later than the month of July in the years when the Conference shall be called, a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer, and an auditor shall be elected, also a committee of seven members, who shall retain office until their successors are appointed. Should any member, however, be absent from three consecutive meetings without an apology satisfactory to the committee his seat may be declared vacant, and the committee shall have power to fill such vacancy. They shall also have similar power in case of resignation of any member."—Carried.

*Resolved*, "That the association shall meet for the transaction of business annually, but, should urgent business require it, the executive shall have power to call a special meeting at any time."

*Resolved*, "That the President shall have power to call meetings of the committee whenever matters of consequence require it, and he or the chairman shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote at all meetings of the association and of the committee thereof. Four members of the committee shall form a quorum; and at the meetings of the committee all business brought forward by any member of the committee shall be considered."

Proposed by Mr. Von Reden, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, "The president, vice-presidents, and treasurer shall be *ex officio* members of the committee."—Carried.

"When any member desires to have a legal opinion on any point of local government, or other matter generally affecting local bodies, he shall forward a case stated to the committee. Should the committee think the case of sufficient importance, it shall be laid before the solicitor to the association for his opinion, and the case and opinion shall be printed, and a copy thereof forwarded to each of the members of the association, the cost of the opinion being borne by the general funds."

Proposed by Mr. Kebbell, seconded by Mr. Bolton, "That this clause be not adopted."—Carried.

*Resolved*, "That the Chairman and Mr. Phillips form a committee to wait on Mr. Martin and ascertain from him on what terms he would act as solicitor to the association."

Proposed by Mr. Bolton, seconded by Mr. Engels, "That Mr. Von Reden take the chair during the absence of the chairman."—Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Monkhouse, seconded by Mr. Peat, "That the committee shall commence business as soon after the time stated in the summons calling the meeting as there is a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum; such quorum to be formed within half an hour of the time named for holding the meeting."—Carried.

"When any Corporation wishes to bring any matter before the meeting of the association for opinion or action, such Corporation shall forward a statement to the secretary, who shall place it on the business-paper along with any other subject which the president may require the committee to consider. If approved by the committee, it shall be placed upon the business-paper for consideration by the Conference."

Proposed by Mr. Forsyth, seconded by Mr. Kebbell, "That the words 'County Council' be substituted for the word 'Corporation.'"

"Two weeks before each meeting of the committee, the secretary shall forward to each member thereof a circular containing a list of the matters to be brought forward at such meeting."

*Resolved*, "That this clause be adopted."

"At the session of the association, it shall have power, should the majority of members present approve of such a course, to consider any business not introduced as provided by clause 10."

*Resolved*, "That this clause be adopted."

"Correspondence with the committee shall be conducted through the secretary, who in conjunction with the president shall have power, when a meeting of the committee cannot be arranged, to take the written opinion of each member thereof by means of correspondence, and to take action upon opinions expressed by the majority in the same manner as if a meeting had been held."

*Resolved*, "That this clause be adopted."

"The report of the proceedings at all meetings of the association shall be printed, and a copy forwarded to each member."

*Resolved*, "That this clause be adopted."

"The president's report of the proceedings, and an account of all expenditure by the committee in connection with its work, shall be, until otherwise ordered, placed before the committee at least one month before the holding of the annual Conference."

*Resolved*, "That this clause be adopted."

The Chairman and Mr. Phillips reported that Mr. Martin was willing to act as solicitor to the association, and recommended that he should be appointed.

Proposed by Mr. Engels, seconded by Mr. Von Reden, "That the report of the Chairman and Mr. Phillips be adopted."—Carried.