

BRANCH 13.

I. That the present system of selecting representatives to Grand Council be abandoned, and the following system substituted therefor:

(a) That all the Branches of the C. M. B. A. be divided into districts so that in each district there shall be from 200 to 600 members.

(b) That each such district shall be entitled to one representative for each 200 members in said district.

(c) That the mode of election of such representatives shall be as follows:

(1) The Grand Secretary shall furnish to each Branch in each district, at least two months before the date of election, a list of the members in said district eligible for election as representative, and shall also certify the number of representatives which such district is entitled to elect.

(2) The Grand Secretary shall also at the same time supply to the Recording Secretary of each Branch a sufficient number of ballots for such Branch marked with the number of such Branch.

(3) One of such ballots shall be supplied by the Recording Secretary to each member present at the meeting for the election of officers, such ballot having been previously signed on the back thereof by the President and Recording Secretary of the Branch.

(4) Each member so supplied shall write on the face of his ballot the names of the persons for whom he wishes to vote as Representatives, the names so written not to exceed in number the number of Representatives for the district and shall thereupon return the same to the Recording Secretary whose duty it shall be to forthwith transmit all the ballots so cast in his Branch to the Grand Secretary.

(5) The Grand Secretary shall, during the calendar month following the month in which the election is held, count the ballots under such supervision as the Board of Trustees may determine, and shall declare the persons receiving the largest number of votes in each district duly elected as Representatives for such district to the number to which such district is entitled.

(6) In the event of a tie he shall declare the candidate who shall have been longest a member of the Association, elected.

(7) The Grand Secretary shall cause to be published in the issue of THE CANADIAN for the succeeding month the names of the persons elected as Representatives and Alternates for each district.

II. That conventions of the Grand Council be held every three instead of every two years.

III. That an auditor be appointed at each convention whose duty it shall be to make an annual audit of the books of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Trustees of the Reserve Fund, whose report shall be published annually in THE CANADIAN and that the Finance Committee be relieved of the duties so directed to be performed by the Auditor.

IV. That each person hereafter becoming a member of this Association shall, if he hold a \$500 certificate, pay into the Beneficiary Fund each month the amount set out opposite his age at initiation in column 1 of the underwritten Table of Rates; if he hold a \$1,000 certificate he shall pay the amount so set out in column 2 of said table; and if he hold a \$2,000 certificate, he shall pay the amount so set out in column 3 of said table.

TABLE OF RATES.

MONTHLY AMOUNT PAYABLE

Age at Initiation,	For a \$500 Certificate	For a \$1,000 Certificate	For a \$2,000 Certificate
21	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00
22	1.00	1.50	2.00
23	1.00	1.50	2.00
24	1.00	1.50	2.00
25	1.00	1.50	2.00
26	1.00	1.50	2.00
27	1.00	1.50	2.00
28	1.00	1.50	2.00
29	1.00	1.50	2.00
30	1.00	1.50	2.00
31	1.00	1.50	2.00
32	1.00	1.50	2.00
33	1.00	1.50	2.00
34	1.00	1.50	2.00
35	1.00	1.50	2.00
36	1.00	1.50	2.00
37	1.00	1.50	2.00
38	1.00	1.50	2.00
39	1.00	1.50	2.00
40	1.00	1.50	2.00
41	1.00	1.50	2.00
42	1.00	1.50	2.00
43	1.00	1.50	2.00
44	1.00	1.50	2.00
45	1.00	1.50	2.00
46	1.00	1.50	2.00
47	1.00	1.50	2.00
48	1.00	1.50	2.00
49	1.00	1.50	2.00
50	1.00	1.50	2.00

V. The Board of Trustees shall have power to make said table apply to all persons at present members of this Association whenever they may deem it expedient to do so.

VI. The moneys realized from the monthly payments under the above table shall be invested in so far as not needed for the payment of current death claims, and the moneys so invested shall at all times be available for the payment of the death claims which in any one month may exceed the amounts collected during such month.

BRANCH 30.

That section 35 be amended by striking therefrom in the first and second lines the words "Branches shall be represented by their Representatives or Alternates," and the following be substituted: "Each group of two branches shall be represented by one Representative or Alternate, the grouping of the branches to be arranged by the Grand Council, the appointment of Representative to be made from each branch of the group alternately, the Representative first appointed to be from the senior branch of the group, the Representative to take his instructions from both of the branches. In case of disagreement between the two branches of each group regarding amendments or instructions to Representatives, a vote of the members of both branches shall be taken, and the Representative to be governed by a majority vote.

BRANCH 49.

Recommends the employment annually of a selected chartered accountant to examine into the accounts, books and vouchers of the Grand officers of the C. M. B. A., reporting thereon to the Grand President and Grand Secretary and such further officers or persons as may be designated by the members assembled in convention, also signs or passwords.

BRANCH 63.

The holding of conventions every four years instead of every two years.

BRANCH 67.

(1) That we, the members of Branch 67, C. M. B. A., of Pembroke, are of the opinion that the Grand Council at its next meeting should devise and promulgate a scheme for equal monthly payments based on a graded system increasing with each year of age, in-

stead of every five years as at present.

(2) That we consider the expenses in connection with the holding of biennial conventions are far too great for the benefits obtained, and we are of the opinion that the objects of these conventions could be obtained in a less expensive and more perfect manner by reducing the number of delegates to, say, one for every four, hundred or five hundred members.

That we consider a further reduction in the expenses of the Grand Council, without in any way lessening its efficiency, could be attained by holding triennial instead of biennial conventions, and, of course, lengthening the terms of Grand Council officers to three years.

BRANCH 77.

To lessen the expenses of our conventions by Provincial or District representation.

BRANCH 91.

Recommends to reduce the cost of holding the convention by having the Grand Council composed of about thirty members elected by districts or groups of branches or chosen by the Grand Council, and when reduced to said number, the convention to be held yearly.

BRANCH 102.

To adopt a sick benefit feature obligatory to all branches and members thereof.

BRANCH 101.

To strike out the word "representative" in the first and second lines of Section 91 and add to said section the following: "Branch delegates' expenses and per diem shall be paid by the branch they represent;" also the holding of conventions in as central a locality as possible; also an old age and disability clause; also that organizers be replaced by District Deputies appointed in each district; also the printing of the constitution in the German language.

BRANCH 126.

That section 8 of Beneficiary Fund Law be amended so as to have double assessments bi monthly making a total of 18 assessments payable at fixed dates.

BRANCH 132.

Whereas, it has frequently come under observation that many of our co-religionists who, from causes beyond their control, such as being beyond the age limit or through physical defect, are ineligible for membership in our Association, yet would wish, from a spirit of fraternity and interest, to become members, and

Whereas, the inclusion of this element of our people would have a tendency to increase the influence and prestige of the C. M. B. A., besides offering a means of augmenting the Reserve and Branch funds, therefore this branch respectfully submits for the earnest consideration of the C. M. B. A. the desirability of adopting measures to have such additions made to our charter as may be considered necessary to enable the Association to adopt the plan of having ASSOCIATE members.

BRANCH 145.

To reduce the number of delegates to the Grand Council by cancelling the privilege of sending representatives to the Convention from such branches as already have members in the Council, and also to have representatives elected by districts or groups of branches, instead of by single branch as at present.

That the word "Biennially" in Section 12 be eliminated and the word "Triennially" substituted.

That Section 12 be struck out entirely and the following amendments substituted therefor:

1. That the different branches of each County or Counties comprising ten branches shall the year previous to the meeting of Grand Council send two delegates from each branch to some central locality to discuss proposed amendments, etc., to be presented to the Grand Council for consideration.

2. That said delegates of branches vote by proxy the full number of members of each branch on all questions coming before them for consideration.

That representatives to General Council be elected from above branch delegates on a basis of representation of one representative to every one hundred members or a fraction thereof, over one hundred and fifty demanding two representatives.

BRANCH 157.

Representation to Grand Council by district instead of branches; also signs and passwords; also to reduce the reserve fund.

BRANCH 193.

Recommends triennial conventions, and the enlargement of the official organ by the saving in holding triennial instead of biennial conventions. The appointment of one or more organizers with power to inspect and audit the books in the branches, reporting to the Grand Council the condition of each branch, which report shall be published in the official organ; also the suggestions made by Bro. L. P. O. Noel, of Branch 251, viz: to have twelve regular assessments equal to eighteen at the present rate, and a scale of rates increasing each year from the ages of 15 to 50.

BRANCH 210.

To hold conventions every six years instead of every two years, or if the biennial conventions are continued that each branch that wishes to send a representative pay his expenses.

BRANCH 212.

To have twelve assessments in the year instead of fifteen regular and special assessments, and to have two twelve assessments payable equally to eighteen present assessments.

To have the convention every three years instead of two years.

To have only one delegate to represent five or six branches, or about 20 members at the convention.

BRANCH 216.

The holding of triennial instead of biennial conventions.

BRANCH 221.

That each and every lay member of this Association shall furnish annually to the Recording Secretary of his branch a certificate from a priest certifying that he has performed his Easter duty.

Any member who has not presented such certificate at the first regular meeting of the branch after the Easter time is hereby declared to be suspended, and if within two months he has not presented such certificate, he is "ipso facto" expelled from the Association.

BRANCH 247.

Recommends the doing away with special assessments as far as possible.

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