January 6, 2022

TO: Charlotte Crabtree, Area 23 Chair

 Janet Flikke, Area 23 Delegate

RE: Virtual Assemblies Standing Committee

PROPOSAL: That Area 23 Establish a Virtual Assemblies Standing Committee

BACKGROUND:

Area 23 moved assemblies, agenda meetings and area committee meetings to an online platform in July 2020 due to restrictions on travel and gatherings mandated during the Covid-19 pandemic. In January 2021 the Ad Hoc Committee on Virtual Assemblies (VAAH) was appointed and managed the Area’s virtual assemblies by operating the virtual platform for all assemblies, the Service Weekend, and Finance Committee Meeting. Members of VAAH also assisted in other Area Committee and State Convention meetings. Going into 2022, the CDC continues to recommend virtual gatherings as the safest choice. The VAAH created guidelines, and those attending guideline review meetings favor establishing a virtual assemblies permanent standing committee. As the need to hold assemblies and other Area meetings virtually or hybrid with in-person attendance will likely continue, the following members of VAAH and/or the Area Committee recommend,

That “Virtual Assemblies” be added to the list of standing committees in Section I (3) in Area 23’s structure.

That Area 23 adopt the attached guidelines, developed by VAAH, for the Virtual Assemblies Standing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Logan

Alternate Delegate, Area 23