11. DISTRICTS

A. Organization

1. Subject to the approval of the annual conference, the board of directors shall organize active members and local affiliates into districts that reflect Montana's expansive geography and diverse membership.

2. Retired members shall be organized into one statewide district.

3. Districts shall be numbered consecutively.

B. Governance and Duties

1. Each district shall be governed by a district council composed of active members living or working in that district. No member may represent two districts at the same time.

2. Officers and Directors

a. Each district council shall elect at the annual conference a chair who shall preside over council meetings and serve as a district director to the board of directors and delegate to the annual conference.

b. Each district shall elect at the annual conference a vice chair who shall preside over council meetings in the absence of the chair, succeed to the chair should a vacancy occur, and serve as a district director to the board of directors and delegate to the annual conference.

c. Odd-numbered districts shall elect chairs and vice chairs in odd-numbered years. Even-numbered districts shall elect in even-numbered years.

d. District chairs and vice chairs shall come from different local affiliates and job descriptions.

e. District chairs and vice chairs shall serve two-year terms beginning June 15.

f. Nomination and election of district chairs and vice chairs shall be open to all district members.

3. Vote

a. The chair and vice chair of a district council shall have 1 vote each.

b. Each local affiliate shall have as many votes as it has properly credentialed delegates present and voting.

c. Delegates must be present to vote.

d. The chair, vice chair, and local affiliate delegates must be present to vote.

4. Meetings

Each district shall officially meet at the annual conference and **may meet** informally at scheduled regional membership meetings.