

MINUTES
Stated Meeting
COMMITTEE ON THE
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
April 18-20, 2022
Hybrid Meeting

<p>WELCOME</p> <p>The Stated Meeting of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) convened in person and via video conference at 2:10 p.m., April 18, 2022 by Moderator Stephanie Anthony.</p>	<p>WELCOME</p>
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND OPENING PRAYER</p> <p>Lynn Hargrove led acknowledgment of the sacred ground of our indigenous ancestors followed by the opening prayer.</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND OPENING PRAYER</p>
<p>SESSION 1</p>	<p>SESSION 1</p>
<p>APPROVE AGENDA [1.1]</p> <p>By consensus the Committee approved the meeting agenda.</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVAL [1.1]</p>
<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting.</p> <p><u>COGA Members:</u> Stephanie Anthony, Moderator Eliana Maxim, Vice Moderator Dave Davis Samuel Bonner Louis Ocasio Torres Lynn Hargrove Andy James Wilson Kennedy Blythe Kieffer Shannan Vance Ocampo, PMAB representative Leeanne Masters Robin Pugh</p>	<p>PARTICIPANTS</p>

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<p>Sallie Watson J. Herbert Nelson II, ex officio Diane Moffett, Executive Director, PMAB, ex officio Elona Street-Stewart, Co-Moderator of the 224th GA (2022)</p> <p><u>OGA Staff:</u> Kerry Rice Nancy Taylor Tim Cargal Jayne Culp Rick Jones Laurie Griffith DeAmber Clopton Dianna Wright Tricia Dykers Koenig Deb Davies Vicente Guna Jihyun Oh Kate Trigger Duffert Luci Duckson-Bramble</p> <p><u>Other Guests:</u> Kathy Lueckert, President, ASG Ian Hall, ASG Mike Kirk, General Counsel April Davenport, Assoc. General Council, ASG Susan Aggarwal, PHS Board Chairperson</p>	
<p>REPORT OF COGA MODERATOR</p> <p>Stephanie Anthony asked for sharing of joys and concerns.</p>	<p>REPORT OF COGA MODERATOR</p>
<p>PLENARY 2</p>	
<p>REPORT OF THE CO-MODERATOR OF THE 224TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2020)</p> <p>Elona Street-Stewart reported on their efforts and the things to which they're giving their attention. In addition, she talked about what they've been seeing with regard to COVID. Street-Stewart lauded COGA for the things being worked on and the ways that this is being done.</p>	<p>REPORT OF THE CO-MODERATOR OF THE 224TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2020)</p>

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<p>APPROVAL OF NOMINEES TO PHS BOARD [2.1]</p> <p>Executive Director of the Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) Nancy Taylor presented the following nominees to the PHS Board.</p> <p>Class of 2026 Nominees for a First Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Dr. Douglass Sullivan-González - Latino male, teaching elder, 56- 65, St. Andrews Presbytery, Synod of Living Waters • Rev. Byron A. Wade - Black male, teaching elder, 56-65, Western North Carolina Presbytery, Synod of the Mid Atlantic • Rev. Madeline Hart-Andersen - White female, teaching elder, 26-35, Presbytery of Santa Fe, Synod of the Southwest Class of 2026 <p>Nominees for a Second Term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Aggarwal - White female, ruling elder, 65-75, Philadelphia Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity • Debra Harton Love - Black female, ruling elder, 56-65, Shepherds and Lapsley Presbytery, Synod of Living Waters • Virginia F. Rainey - White female, ruling elder, 65-75, Huntingdon Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity <p>MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE NOMINEES WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND APPROVED. [2.1]</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF NOMINEES TO PHS BOARD [2.1]</p> <p>[ACTION 2.1]</p>
<p>NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODIES</p> <p>Tricia Dykers-Koenig presented the following proposal after giving some background:</p> <p>To recommend to the 225th General Assembly the approval of the applications of the Administrative Personnel Association, the Educator Certification Committee, and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians as national certifying bodies.</p>	<p>NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODIES</p> <p>[ACTION 2.2]</p>

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<p>MOTION TO APPROVE THIS RECOMMENATION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND APPROVED. [2.2]</p>	
<p>2023-2024 BUDGET [2.3]</p> <p>Associate Director for Finance and Administration DeAmber Clopton and Deputy Stated Clerk Kerry Rice shared for discussion the 2023-2024 Per Capita Budget. [2.3]</p> <p>Following that discussion, Clopton and Rice shared for discussion the 2023 and 2024 Per Capita Apportionment Rates. On May 2, 2022, there will be a joint meeting to approve the budget that includes ASG, OGA, and PMA.</p> <p>Finally, Clopton and Rice presented for approval the 2023-2024 Designated Budget. [2.4]. This includes the PHS and OGA Louisville budgets.</p> <p>Discussion ensued, and at the end, Stephanie Anthony requested a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Designated Budget.</p> <p>MOTION, SECONDED, AND APPROVED. [ACTION 2.4]</p>	<p>2023-2024 BUDGET [2.3]</p> <p>ACTION [2.4]</p>
<p>PLENARY 3</p> <p>The group met in the Presbyterian Center for a tour of the new Conference Center space.</p>	<p>PLENARY 3</p>
<p>PLENARY 4</p> <p>The group met at the hotel where GA226 attendees will be staying, The Galt House, for an informal tour of the public space.</p>	<p>PLENARY 4</p>
<p>RECESS</p>	<p>RECESS</p>

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<p>TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022</p> <p>PLENARY 5</p>	<p>PLENARY 5</p>
<p>WELCOME AND PRAYER</p> <p>The Stated Meeting of the Committee of the Office of the General Assembly reconvened at 10:00 am with welcome and prayer from Moderator Stephanie Anthony.</p>	<p>WELCOME AND PRAYER</p>
<p>GA225 [5.1]</p> <p>The group spent time reviewing and discussing Proposed Comments on Items of Business to GA225.</p> <p>Following this discussion, Eliana Maxim said a blessing and the group recessed for lunch.</p>	<p>GA225 [5.1]</p>
<p>PLENARY 6</p> <p>Moderator Anthony welcomed the group back from lunch and explained that they would spend the afternoon working in the following small groups to write comments on business before GA225 committee meetings:</p> <p>Group 1 - comments on business before committees meeting <i>June 20-25</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Councils Theology, Worship and Education Polity Rules of Discipline Health, Safety and Benefits Addressing Violence in the USA Environmental Justice Race and Gender Justice • Members: Blythe Kieffer, Leon Lovell-Martin, Leanne Masters, Robin Pugh, Shannan Vance-Ocampo, Sallie Watson • Staff: Tricia Dykers Koenig and Julia Henderson <p>Group 2 - comments on business before committees meeting <i>June 27-July 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Rules Ecumenical and Interfaith Engagement Immigration International Engagement General Assembly Ministry Coordination Moving Forward/Vision 2020 	<p>PLENARY 6</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members: Samuel Bonner, Andy James, Wilson Kennedy, Eliana Maxim • Staff: Dianna Wright, Luci Duckson-Bramble, and Rick Jones <p>Group 3 – comments on business before committees meeting <i>June 27-July 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly Entity Policies and Procedures General Assembly Ministry Coordination Financial Resources • Members: Stephanie Anthony, Dave Davis, Lynn Hargrove, Elona Street-Stewart, Luis Ocasio Torres • Staff – Jihyun Oh, J. Herbert Nelson II, and Kerry Rice 	
<p>BREAK</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>PLENARY 7</p> <p>Work in the Comment Writing Groups continued.</p>	<p>PLENARY 7</p>
<p>PLENARY 8</p>	<p>PLENARY 8</p>
<p>MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>Moderator Anthony entertained a motion to move into closed session to discuss personnel matters with only members (voting and non-voting) of COGA and the following individuals, who are invited to remain and attend all or a portion of the closed session meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson II 2. Deputy Stated Clerk Kerry Rice 	<p>MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION</p>
<p>CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED To move into executive session to discuss personnel issues.</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>RECESS</p>	<p>RECESS</p>

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<p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022</p> <p>PLENARY 9</p>	<p>PLENARY 9</p>
<p>WELCOME AND PRAYER</p> <p>The Stated Meeting of the Committee of the Office of the General Assembly reconvened at 10:00 am with welcome from Stephanie Anthony and prayer from J. Herbert Nelson II.</p>	<p>WELCOME AND PRAYER</p>
<p>REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>Anthony reported that during the closed session at the end of the day yesterday, no actions were taken.</p>	<p>REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION</p>
<p>COGA WORKING GROUP REPORTS</p> <p>Moderator Anthony invited reports from the COGA Working Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nominating Committee:</i> Wilson Kennedy reported that the Nomination Committee has nominated Dave Davis to be the next COGA Vice Moderator. This nomination was <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p> <p>Next, Eliana Maxim was brought forward as the committee’s nominee for the position of COGA Moderator. This nomination was</p> <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p> <p>In addition, Sallie Watson nominated Leanne Masters, and Miguel Rosa Morales (coming onto the board at GA225) to represent COGA on the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee. This nomination was</p> <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Standing Rules:</i> No business at this time. • <i>GA225 Coordination committee</i> followed by: 	<p>COGA WORKING GROUP REPORTS</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>ACTION</p>

- Julia Henderson gave updates about the **COVID Advisory Panel** and the **Planning Update**.
- Eliana Maxim shared the most recent plans for the **BIPOC Commissioner Space**.
- Jihyun Oh discussed the **training modules for using Equity Primes**
- Tricia Dykers-Koenig brought the following **proposal [8.1]** before the group:

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly recommends that the Assembly Committee on Business Referral approve the following special rule of order for the 225th General Assembly (2022) and suspend any rules that conflict with it:

The Office of the General Assembly shall, before committees meet to consider business, organize an online forum providing an opportunity for assembly committee moderators to meet with overture advocates to discuss procedures for participation in committee discussion of business related to the overture that they are advocating.

ACTION [8.1]

MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED

- GA226 – Sallie Watson shared the proposal that was distributed at the Mar 17, 2022 COGA meeting regarding GA226.

Rice made a correction to the document: In the plan that puts all of GA226 online, the cancelation fees weren't initially figured in. *The new cost for the online only GA, including between \$664,00-\$665,000 is approximately \$1,251,926.*

ACTION

It was recommended to ask OGA to figure out, in consultation with COGA, how best to send this document, entitled "Possible Formats for GA226" to the Assembly as business, as amended.

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<p>REPORTS FROM COMMENT WRITING GROUPS</p> <p>Group 1: Sallie Watson reported on behalf of this group. It was recommended to approve COGA comments on Env-05, HSB-05, recommendation 6, POL-09, POL-11, RGJ-07, RGJ-08, and RGJ-13:</p> <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p> <p>Group 2: Wilson Kennedy reported on behalf of this group. It was recommended to approve COGA comments on MOV-02, GAMC-02 and GAMC-05:</p> <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p> <p>Group 3: Stephanie Anthony reported on behalf of this group. It was recommended to approve COGA comments on GAMC-07, FIN-10.</p> <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p> <p>It was recommended to approve COGA comments on GAMC-12.</p> <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p>	<p>REPORTS FROM COMMENT WRITING GROUPS</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned with prayer offered by Andy James.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully Submitted:

Jayne Culp

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