

MINUTES
Stated Meeting
COMMITTEE ON THE
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
August 17, 2023
Video Conference

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| <p>WELCOME</p> <p>The Stated Meeting of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) convened via video conference at 12:00 p.m. by Moderator Eliana Maxim.</p> | <p>WELCOME</p> |
| <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND OPENING PRAYER</p> <p>Joseph Chu led the acknowledgment of the sacred ground of our indigenous ancestors and then opened the meeting with prayer.</p> | <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND OPENING PRAYER</p> |
| <p>APPROVE AGENDA [1.1]</p> <p>By consensus the Committee approved the meeting agenda as presented.</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> Eliana Maxim, Moderator Dave Davis, Vice-Moderator Stephanie Anthony Joseph Chu Lynn Hargrove Andy James Chenyangu Khonje Ximena Leroux, ex officio Leanne Masters Miguel Rosa Morales Sallie Watson Bronwen Boswell, Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, ex officio Diane Moffett, Executive Director, PMAB, ex officio Ruth Santana-Grace, Co-Moderator of the 225th GA (2022)</p> <p><u>EXCUSED</u> Robin Pugh</p> <p><u>OGA Staff</u></p> | <p>PARTICIPANTS</p> |

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| <p>Tim Cargal DeAmber Clopton Jayne Culp Kate Duffert Vicente Guna valerie izumi Rick Jones Jihyun Oh Kerry Rice, Deputy Stated Clerk Nancy Taylor</p> <p><u>Other Guests</u> Andy Browne, BOP Ruth Gardiner, ASG Ian Hall, ASG Kathy Lueckert, ASG Sue Trigger, ACSWP</p> | |
| <p>REPORT OF THE COGA MODERATOR</p> <p>There are three work groups now:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referrals & Business – Convened by A. James 2. Stated Clerk’s Role – Convened by C. Khonje 3. GA228 – Convened by D. Davis <p>Moderator E. Maxim will be on sabbatical for next three months.</p> | <p>COGA MODERATOR REPORT</p> |
| <p>REPORT OF THE COGA VICE-MODERATOR</p> <p>While Moderator Maxim is on sabbatical, D. Davis will be serving as Acting Moderator. M. Rosa Morales will serve as Acting Vice Moderator.</p> | <p>COGA VICE-MODERATOR REPORT</p> |
| <p>REPORT OF THE ACTING STATED CLERK</p> <p>B. Boswell reported on her various activities since she began in early July, including meeting with staff and hiring Kate Duffert as the Director of GA Planning. Plans for GA226 are well underway. Work with the Unification Commission continues.</p> | <p>ACTING STATED CLERK REPORT</p> |
| <p>REPORT OF THE CO-MODERATOR OF THE 225TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2022)</p> <p>Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace shared that she and Co-Moderator Shavon Starling-Louis have been working on committee appointments, international travel (Ghana and Liberia), and engaging with youth and people around the world. Upcoming travel and events include journeys to Amsterdam, Micronesia, and Oceania, along with installations and meetings with various mid councils.</p> | <p>CO-MODERATOR REPORT</p> |

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| <p>COGA's Referrals & Business Workgroup to provide for continuing coordination (particularly with the General Assembly Nominating Committee) and comment. The amended motion was approved on a counted vote of 6-5.</p> | |
| <p>GENERATIVE CONVERSATION</p> <p>M. Rosa Morales shared his thoughts, observations, and suggestions for a focus on Leadership Development Needs. It's time to find and develop (young, BIPOC) leaders in our current structure using different methods, reaching out to others outside of our typical ways. Support for this idea was expressed and COGA looks forward to hearing more.</p> | <p>GENERATIVE CONVERSATION</p> |
| <p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned with prayer offered by Moderator Eliana Maxim.</p> | <p>CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT</p> |

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Culp