

MINUTES
Stated Meeting
COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
April 18, 2024
Video Conference

<p>WELCOME</p> <p>The Stated Meeting of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) convened via video conference at 12:01 p.m. by Vice-Moderator Dave Davis.</p>	<p>WELCOME</p>
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND OPENING PRAYER</p> <p>Acting Stated Clerk Bronwen Boswell offered the acknowledgment of the sacred ground of our indigenous ancestors. She then gave the opening 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 amended; Item 1.5 (Business Referral approval) will be discussed in May and PHS Board Member nominations were added to today's agenda.</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVAL [1.1]</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 21, 2024 [1.2] 	<p>MINUTES APPROVAL [1.2]</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:</p> <p><u>COGA Members</u> Dave Davis, Vice-Moderator Stephanie Anthony Matt Bussell, Corresponding Member from PMAB Joseph Chu Lynn Hargrove Mark Hong Andy James Chenyangu (Cheni) Khonje Blythe Kieffer Leanne Masters Amos Mendez</p>	<p>PARTICIPANTS</p>

<p>Robin Pugh Miguel Rosa Morales Sallie Watson Bronwen Boswell, Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, ex officio</p> <p><u>Excused</u> Eliana Maxim, Moderator Ruth Santana-Grace, Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly (2022)</p> <p><u>OGA Staff</u> Amanda Craft Jayne Culp Kate Trigger Duffert Tricia Dykers Koenig Rick Jones Kerry Rice, Deputy Stated Clerk Meg Rift Dianna Wright</p> <p><u>Other Guests</u> John Bolt, The Outlook Barry Creech, PMA April Davenport, Associate General Counsel Ruth Gardner, ASG Ian Hall, ASG Mike Kirk, General Counsel Sara Lisherness, PMA Kathy Lueckert, ASG Sue Trigger, ACSWP John Wilkinson, ASG</p>	
<p>REPORT OF THE COGA MODERATOR AND VICE-MODERATOR</p> <p>Moderator and Vice-Moderator reports were postponed until the May 2024 meeting when the group is in person.</p> <p>Lynn Hargrove presented the following people for approval as new board members (Class of 2028) for the Presbyterian Historical Society Board [Item 1.7]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TE Jerry Van Marter (Mid Kentucky Presbytery) • RE June L. Lorenzo (Santa Fe Presbytery) • TE Raul Felipe Santiago-Rivera (Presbiterio De San Juan) <p>[Item 1.7] MOVED, SECONDED AND APPROVED</p> <p>Vice-Moderator Dave Davis updated COGA members about recent activities of the Unification Commission.</p>	<p>COGA MODERATOR AND VICE-MODERATOR REPORT</p> <p>ACTION [Item 1.7]</p>

<p>REPORT OF THE CO-MODERATOR OF THE 225TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p> <p>Written report submitted by Ruth Faith Santana-Grace in advance of meeting. [Item 1.8].</p>	<p>CO-MODERATOR OF THE 225TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT</p>
<p>REPORT OF THE ACTING STATED CLERK</p> <p>Boswell shared about various meetings, travels, and issues that have arisen. The GA staff is hard at work as they head down the stretch toward GA226.</p>	<p>ACTING STATED CLERK REPORT</p>
<p>UPDATES AND REPORTS</p> <p>Unapproved Use of PC(USA) Seal General counsel Mike Kirk gave some background on someone outside of PCUSA utilizing and profiting from use of the seal. Kirk feels the issue is resolved and the problem no longer exists.</p> <p>Results of 2023 Year-End Statements and Audit Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer of ASG, Ian Hall, shared the results with visuals. See [Item 1.3].</p> <p>2025-2026 Budget Process Update Deputy Stated Clerk Kerry Rice reported that numbers are being finalized and the Communications team is putting together some materials that will be distributed soon.</p> <p>April 30 - an all ASG, PMA, OGA meeting is scheduled to review that information</p> <p>May 7 - COGA, PMAB and the A Corporation will meet to discuss and vote on the unified budget.</p> <p>Hall thanked the Finance and Accounting team from ASG, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denise Hampton • Andrea McNicol • Sandy Johnson <p>Global Partners Roundtable Manager of Advocacy for the Office of Immigration Issues Amanda Craft and Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Dianna Wright discussed the report to PMAB and COGA and why this work is so important. [Item 1.4]</p> <p>Deputy Stated Clerk Rice pointed out that their work is reflective of PMA and OGA working together on important ecumenical and interreligious issues.</p>	<p>UPDATES AND REPORTS</p> <p>ACTION [ITEM 1.3]</p>

<p>GA226</p> <p>Review of Items of Business to GA226 and PC-Biz Primer Director of GA Planning Kate Trigger Duffert showed how to get to the business items on PC-Biz and shared some insight about the business that has come in.</p> <p>The Committee List and Updated Preliminary Business Assignment from Committee on Business Referral [Item 1.5] was postponed until the next meeting.</p> <p>Update from the Stated Clerk Nomination Committee S. Watson announced that they have a nominee and this will be made public on April 26. Kudos were expressed to the nomination committee. May 11 is the deadline for any of the other eight candidates to challenge the nomination.</p> <p>GA226 Planning Update Report from Leader Briefing – K. Duffert About 100 people were hosted in the conference center and building, with an emphasis on roles and committee work. The roles of Coordinator and Equity Support Managers are proving to be great additions.</p> <p>Event Honoring J. Herbert Nelson, II C. Khonje gave updates as details for this event continue to be planned.</p>	<p>GA226</p>
<p>UNIFICATION COMMISSION UPDATE</p> <p>D. Davis reported that the Unification Commission has hired a consultant to help with the cultures when PMA and OGA are unified.</p> <p>The last of the focus groups has taken place.</p>	
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>The next COGA meeting is scheduled to begin Tuesday morning, May 7, in Salt Lake City with PMAB and the A Corporation. During the meeting with all three agencies,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the unified budget • COLA will present their report • Report from Unification Commission to include Dee Cooper, Felipe Martinez, Christi Ligon-Scott and Dave Davis • Time of prayer together • Breaking bread together over an extended lunch • Tour of Salt Palace Convention Center followed by the COGA meeting 	<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>

<p>This hybrid meeting will be challenging so come in person if you can. The meeting is still “open” per the ‘open meeting’ policy.</p>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm with prayer offered by Vice-Moderator Dave Davis.</p>	<p>CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully Submitted:

Jayne Culp