

MINUTES
Stated Meeting
COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
May 7-8, 2024
Hybrid Meeting
Salt Lake City, UT

<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 2:38 pm, May 7, 2024 by Moderator Eliana Maxim.</p>	<p>WELCOME</p>
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND OPENING PRAYER</p> <p>Cheni Khonje 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 as amended.</p>	<p>AGENDA APPROVAL [1.1]</p>
<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>The following people were present for all or part of the meeting:</p> <p><u>COGA Members</u> Eliana Maxim, Moderator Dave Davis, Vice-Moderator Stephanie Anthony Matt Bussell Joseph Chu Lynn Hargrove Mark Hong Andy James Chenyangu (Cheni) Khonje Blythe Kieffer Leeanne Masters Amos Mendez Miguel Rosa Morales Robin Pugh Bronwen Boswell, Acting Stated Clerk, ex officio</p> <p><u>OGA Staff</u> Tim Cargal</p>	<p>PARTICIPANTS</p>

<p>Jayne Culp Deb Davies Kate Trigger Duffert Laurie Griffith Rick Jones Jihyun Oh Kerry Rice Nancy Taylor Dianna Wright</p> <p><u>Other Guests</u> Kathy Luckert, ASG Mike Kirk, General Counsel April Davenport, General Counsel Ian Hall, ASG John Bolt, The Outlook Sue Trigger, ACSWP</p>	
<p>REPORT OF COGA MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR</p> <p>Moderator Eliana Maxim reported that she and Vice Moderator Dave Davis met with Deb Avery from the Unification Commission (UC) about COGA and its work together with staff and GA Planning. Maxim and Davis have been invited to converse with the UC Co-Moderators and PMAB Co-Chairs to approach the GA226 with a unified front.</p>	<p>REPORT OF COGA MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR</p>
<p>PLENARY 2</p>	
<p>REPORT OF THE CO-MODERATOR OF THE 225TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2024)</p> <p>This report was submitted in advance of the meeting by Ruth Faith Santana-Grace. See [Item 1.3].</p>	<p>REPORT OF THE CO-MODERATOR OF THE 225TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2024)</p>
<p>REPORT OF THE ACTING STATED CLERK</p> <p>Bronwen Boswell shared highlights of her work since the last COGA meeting which has included budget work and GA226.</p>	<p>REPORT OF THE ACTING STATED CLERK</p>
<p>REPORTS FROM COGA LIAISONS TO/MEMBERS OF OTHER ENTITIES</p> <p>PMAB – Robin Pugh shared about her experiences with PMAB and their ongoing work.</p> <p>PHSB – Lynn Hargrove reported that the most recent PHSB meeting, which took place in April 2024, included board member appointments, discussion of the endowment and the</p>	<p>REPORTS FROM COGA LIAISONS TO/MEMBERS OF OTHER ENTITIES</p>

<p>Lilly Foundation grant.</p> <p>GACEIR – Cheni Khonje reported that it’s been a challenging year with world events. In addition, she shared other issues and challenges that the committee has been facing.</p> <p>SRSC (Standing Rules Special Committee) – Andy James shared that the committee has mostly finished its work, which can be seen on PC-Biz.</p> <p>A Corp – Stephanie Anthony reported on the most recent board meeting which took place in Louisville.</p> <p>SCNC (Stated Clerk Nominating Committee) – As previously announced, Sallie Watson reported that Jihyun Oh has been nominated to be the candidate to stand for election at the GA226.</p>	
<p>SURVEYING THE DENOMINATION LANDSCAPE</p> <p>Moderator Maxim shared three observations as we head into GA226.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reality of grief and anxiety around change 2. Sense that the changes that have come from BOP are somehow going to impact everyone in a detrimental way 3. The overture on anti-discrimination that is coming forward is also raising anxiety (POL-01) <p>Deputy Stated Clerk Kerry Rice reminded everyone of the COGA meeting schedule as we head into June and July 2024.</p> <p>Discussion ensued about a variety of issues related to how COGA works within and expectations for GA226.</p>	<p>SURVEYING THE DENOMINATION LANDSCAPE</p>
<p>REPORT OF COGA NOMINATING COMMITTEE</p> <p>Stephanie Anthony reported that the nominating committee (made up of members of the outgoing COGA class: Stephanie Anthony, Andy James, Lynn Hargrove, Sallie Watson) nominated Dave Davis as Moderator and Chenyangu (Cheni) Khonje as Vice Moderator to begin at the close of GA226.</p> <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p> <p>Anthony then shared their thought process about filling the positions left open by their departures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brady Radford will be nominated to join COGA until COGA dissipates. 	<p>REPORT OF COGA NOMINATING COMMITTEE</p> <p>ACTION</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee recommends that the last three positions go unfilled at this position. • The terms of Blythe Kieffer, Dave Davis, Cheni Khonje, and Robin Pugh were recommended to be extended. <p>Vice Moderator Dave Davis publicly thanked ASG CFO/COO Ian Hall for all of his work and dedication in helping to create the unified budget and present it this morning at the unified budget meeting.</p>	
<p>CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>Motion to enter closed session for personnel and property matters with all COGA members (including corresponding and ex-officio) and the following individuals - Mike Kirk, April Davenport</p> <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly rose from closed session and Moderator Maxim announced that no action was taken.</p>	<p>RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION</p>
<p>RECESS</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024</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 9:00 am with welcome and prayer from Moderator Eliana Maxim.</p>	<p>WELCOME AND PRAYER</p>
<p>GA226 UPDATES</p> <p>Director of GA Planning Kate Duffert shared topical information on GA226 Planning.</p> <p>Associate Director for Ministry Leadership Development Tim Cargal reported on the plans regarding preparing Commissioners and Advisory Delegates.</p> <p>General Counsel Mike Kirk reviewed the process for dealing with attendees who get out of control.</p>	<p>GA226 UPDATES</p>

<p>Deputy Stated Clerk Kerry Rice briefly reviewed the meeting and responsibility schedule for COGA members.</p>	
<p>BREAK</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>OGA IN FOCUS FEATURE A video entitled “Investing in Ruling Elders and Deacons” (part of a series made by OGA Communications) featuring Martha Miller, was shared.</p>	<p>OGA IN FOCUS</p>
<p>REVIEW OF BUSINESS BEFORE ASSEMBLY</p> <p>Rice and Maxim generally explained the process of making comments. Andy James shared a document that has been circulated for use in the work today and going forward. Discussions ensued regarding which items need comments and to which group the items should be assigned.</p> <p>Writing Groups Stephanie Anthony: Robin Pugh, Amos Mendez, Eliana Maxim, Matt Bussell</p> <p>Andy James: Lynn Hargrove, Mark Hong, Cheni Khonje, Miguel Rosa Morales</p> <p>Leanne Masters: Sally Watson, Joe Chu, Blythe Kieffer, Dave Davis</p> <p>The groups met and reported back at 3:30 pm Mountain Time.</p>	<p>REVIEW OF BUSINESS BEFORE ASSEMBLY</p>
<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>
<p>UPDATES FROM WRITING OF PROPOSED COMMENTS Andy James led the group through the reported comments for:</p> <p>FIN-11 GAEC-01, REC 030 GAP-03, COM 37 MC-01, OVT 024 ORD-06, OVT 011</p> <p>Approval of the comments related the above items of business was recommended.</p> <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p>	<p>UPDATES FROM WRITING OF PROPOSED COMMENTS</p> <p>ACTION</p>

<p>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 18, 2022 [1.2a] • May 2, 2022 [1.2b] • May 19, 2022 [1.2c] • June 17, 2022 [1.2d] • July 21, 2022 [1.2e] • November 21, 2022 [1.2f] <p>Approval of the above minutes was recommended.</p> <p>MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</p> <p>ACTION</p>
<p>DISCUSSION OF WHAT COGA SHOULD FOCUS ON AFTER GA226</p> <p>Vice Moderator Dave Davis asked for thoughts and recommendations on what COGA should focus on after GA226 and how best to support staff.</p>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm, Wednesday, May 8, 2024 with prayer offered by Dave Davis.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully Submitted:

Jayne Culp
Manager of Administration, OGA