



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING minutes January 26

ATTENDEES

Rev Elder Nancy Wilson, Moderator; Rev. Clinton Crawshaw, Vice Chair; Sarah-Jane Ramage, Secretary; Gail Rissler, Treasurer; Raquel Benítez-Rojas, Rev. Onetta Brooks, Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin; Kareem Murphy, Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell, Barbara Crabtree, Director of Operations; Linda Brenner-Beckstead, Staff Support.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Nancy

Consent Agenda

- Minutes: 18 December 2014
- Director of Operation's Financial Reports
 - November P & L, Balance Sheet, Budget Summary
- Moderator's January Work Plan Report

Motion: Onetta, move to accept. Second: Gail/Kareem/Clinton. Passes unanimously

Development Committee

The Development Team met, and has come to a conclusion for Gil to come to F2F meeting in March and do a deep dive of his report. And circulate his report and submit questions. We are not ready to move forward for proposal for hire.

We need to discuss this in more detail.

Gil's visit will be covered within the existing GB meeting budget

The Development team was thanked

Finance Committee and Budget Proposal

The general reports, there is Governance Motion for 2016 for what is reimbursable and what won't. Also about Elder candidates and what we can support.

Dealing with 2014 A/R write-offs. Want to deal with it so we deal with it. The Finance Committee wants to look at proposal and will bring it in February.

You may have noticed there is additional Finance Committee meeting in January, on first blush, the deficit is higher than we want it to be. We want to look at expenses and how it was classified.

The Finance Committee will look at possible corrective actions for 2014 or as going into 2015 work.

Further discussions were held and decisions deferred until further information is available.



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Award Nominations

We come to you for your approval. We'll contact awardees and get communication out. We'll let award winners know.

Kareem: Moves Motion, Carol Second. Passes.

Raquel: Abstain

Elder Nominations:

Questions were raised about the same people being nominated here who have held other posts before with few new names. It was clarified that the vote isn't about whether we agree, but about procedure. It's laid out in bylaws. If there is a breach in procedure, then we should vote no.

The Moderator confirmed that these are people who were nominated many times. We invited people to nominate. I did invite people to share with me, if there was something you had, I would take it to heart, if there was a serious issue. It's a different kind of appointment. We shifted from elections to the Moderator's Office.

It was confirmed that there was no new information in respect of the list of names which would change a nominee's eligibility.

It was noted that we only have one layperson.

The Moderator confirmed that: There were two other lay people, and people withdraw, or they are not nominated. You can disclose into a level of detail about all the candidates and issues.

Motion: Robert Second: Carol. Passes. Nay: Raquel, Kareem.

Assessments Policy- updates

We will be circulating FAQs and Case Studies shortly. Want to publish that information so people can understand it better.

It needs a permanent place. And we need to polish FAQs.

Motion to approve Assessment policy: SJ. Second: Gail. Passes unanimously.



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Governance

Governance Committee met this month. The Special General Conference: there are four elements.

1) Elders approved. I need three motions to move forward to put in place the Special General Conference.

I have the three motions. Do you have any questions?

- 1) Assessment eligibility: Move: Robert, Second: Onetta. Passes unanimously.
- 2) Virtual: Move: Onetta, Second, Clinton: Passes unanimously.
- 3) Sp. Gen. Con: Move: Kareem, Second: SJ; Passes unanimously.

The MNC is finishing nomination form, criteria. It will go out Feb. 2. I want to acknowledge a copy is in place in Google Drive.

GBNC: Kick off is 29 January with Moderator as consultant. The GBNC chair is Elder Candidate Nancy Maxwell. In the event we need to find another candidate due to conflict of interest, SJ will take lead.

We sent a Certificate of Appreciation to Rev. Carolyn Mobley. Thank you for signing it Nancy.

Policy Handbook, unless you have questions, I would like a motion to approve what I've amended, plus Policy 16:

Move: Clinton, Second, SJ: Passes unanimously.

Bylaw Team: Which will manage Addendum One. There is a list of team members. I can ask for affirmation in email or next meeting, but if give authority now, we can proceed.

The candidates were discussed and it was recommended that we increase the international coverage, in particular someone from iberoamerica.

It was clarified that they don't interpret bylaws, they manage process. SJ brings that process from the UK. The part that comes up next is how do we manage virtual bylaws geeks group. This is only part one.

It was agreed to wait til February to agree the team.

Moderator Pension Progressing but nothing to discuss.

Communications Governing Board Year-end Report

I think it's a comprehensive report. In discussion with Finance Committee, pending approval, I'd like to hold it until we have final numbers on 2014 deficit.

Motion: Robert, Second: Clinton, Passes Unanimously.

Thank you for a good process Carol and Kareem.



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5:25 Open Questions Nancy

Nancy: We put Open Questions here, and we're a little behind. We'll talk about how Open Questions will be part of March Meeting.

Clinton: Your performance report, scorecard, I've taken input on that. I have some performance on past, and feedback Nancy would like to know from you all. If you have feedback, get back to me in week or so, we'll get that underway.

We have request, if you don't feel qualified to give response, respond with that.

Moderator Appointee Moderator Transition:

Kareem

Carol, member at large, as treasurer

this is our own internal procedure. We'd love both of you to serve. Mona West, Don Eastman, Barb.

5:30 Closing Prayer



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