

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

22 October 2015

When: Thursday, 22 October 2015

Time: 4:00 pm EDT

Where: Virtual via Adobe Connect

Present: Sarah-Jane Ramage, Rev. Onetta Brooks, Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin, Rev. Clinton Crawshaw, Kareem Murphy, Raquel Benitez-Rojas, Barb Crabtree, Jack Hutter

Absent: Moderator Nancy Wilson (traveling to Harrisburg, PA); Gail Rissler (Leave of Absence); Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell (Resignation letter received)

Vice-Chair, SJ Ramage, presided as Moderator for this meeting.

Check-in and Special Prayers:

Carol Trissell, Gail and family, Moderator as she travels, MCC Portland and Barb
Lead in prayer by Onetta

Consent Agenda:

Financial reports are accurate and informational only and moved to Discussion Agenda
Amend Gail Rissler LOA to include a return date of 17 December 2015

***Motion** by Onetta to accept September, 2015 minutes and Gail's LOA
Second Clinton; Ayes vote by all attending board members – **MOTION PASSED**

Discussion Agenda:

Update on pension - transitioned into brief Executive Session

Moderator Complaint Procedure – Onetta

General comments/feedback on draft procedure:

Requires full vote of GB to remove Moderator
Complaints to GB executive committee
Bring back in November for further discussion
Rare for Chief Executive to have disciplinary procedure
COE influenced by Moderator
Look at models from non-profits and other churches
Goal is to complete by year-end
Defer Moderator Complaints to next month

Finance Committee – Barb

Gave highlight of 2015 projection report
Review numbers from Carol's spreadsheet

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Moved into implementation
Final P & L reflects one- time expense due to reorg. Implementation
Prepaid October benefits because of change in company
Cost of development data base
GB F2F meeting expense paid in September
Includes about \$35k non-recurring expenses
Will see reduction going forward
Budget column is original budget
October number is cash received M-T-D
Assessment tab – trend bouncing around
Steady but lower number – at about 85%
Month is a little better than what is shown
Important that revenue holds
Successful Moderator’s Circle at Network Gathering in Orlando

Motion by Robert to receive financial update report from Barb
Second by S-J; Ayes – all attending board members- **MOTION PASSED.**

Investments:

Not ready for GB action
Working on analysis from Finance Committee about moving some investments
Heads up – making progress

Motion by Onetta to accept Moderator’s Work Plan for October
Second by Robert; Aye – all attending board members –**MOTION PASSED.**

Governance Committee Report (see PPT) – Onetta

GBNC launched webpage
Applications due 8 February 2016
Still seeking question response and video from current GB members
GB GC webinar scheduled for 29 October 2015
BOP rate proposal discussion -
30 years since rates were set
Make it more in line with other churches
Bring up current value \$.75 in '85 = ? in '14
Goal is to use webinar to update delegates
Onetta and S-J to work with Wes to come up with written proposal for joint
GB/BOP endorsement to GC – USA impacted churches
In 2012 value was 200% of what was needed at that time
Currently at 100% funded

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Change made to factor in length of service
Move investment growth in the right direction

Moderator's Transition Team Report - Kareem

Impacted by Carol's resignation and Mona's sabbatical

Working on Nancy's farewell at GC and next Moderator's installation

Staffing design being worked on

Action Items:

Follow up on Troy meeting – email from Clinton/Barb on written proposal

Finance update

Assess investments

BOP motion update next meeting

Moderator Complaint Procedure moved to November meeting

GB members' videos to GBNC

Schedule call with Nancy and S-J then see what needs to be next

Closing Prayer - Robert

[*NOTE: EMAIL GB VOTE initiated on 10/26/15 @ Gail Rissler's request:](#)

[MOTION: Move to rescind Gail Rissler's leave of absence effective 10/26/15.](#)

[MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE ON 10/27/15.](#)