

**MCC Governing Board Minutes
from Virtual Vote on March 7-8, 2017**

On Tuesday, March 7, Vice Chair SJ Ramage contacted the Governing Board via email with the following background information and request for a virtual vote:

The Board of Pensions has identified that contrary to common practice since the 1980s not all matters associated with the pension scheme can be approved by just the US churches. Specifically, a change to the contribution rate requires the approval of General Conference.

Therefore, the governance committee reports that we need to call a Virtual General Conference for the purpose of approving their proposed rate change.

Motion (by SJ Ramage): to call a virtual general conference as soon as practicable for the approval of the US BOP proposal regarding pension contribution rates for US churches.

Seconded by Mark Dalglish.

All Governors voted in favor of the motion, with voting concluded on March 8, 2017. Motion passed.

**MCC Governing Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 – 4:30 pm (EST)**

Present: Rachelle Brown, S-J Ramage, Stephanie Burns, Joe Cobb, Mark Dalglish, Angel Collie, Kimberly Brown, Jakob Hero.

Absent: William Knight

Staff Present: Barb Crabtree, Jack Hutter

Check-in and Opening Prayer – Rachelle Brown

Consent Agenda:

2017 02-23 Meeting Minutes – Kimberly Brown moved approval of the minutes, with a second by S-J Ramage. All voted aye. Motion approved.

2017 January Financial Reports – S-J Ramage moved approved the January 2017 financial reports, with a second by Kimberly Brown. All voted aye. Motion approved.

Discussion Agenda:

Financial Report and 2017 Budget Presentation – S-J presented two documents for our consideration: Budget Background and Narrative (based on her work as a consultant with the SLT) and the Proposed 2017 MCC Budget.

The basic principle of our new budget process is the shift from scarcity to abundance and from funding offices to funding portfolios for programming. This principle is also based on valuing people first and supporting the extraordinary staff of MCC.

After discussion of the principles, along with current realities and recommended funding and development streams, the Governing Board moved toward a vote.

Motion (by Kimberly Brown): I move adoption of the 2017 working provisional budget.

Seconded by Stephanie Burns.

All voted aye.

Motion approved.

Closing Prayer – Rachele Brown