



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

25 June 2015 – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. EDT; 20:00 - 21:30 GMT/UTC

ATTENDEES

Rev. Dr. 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.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes: March 2015
- Minutes: May 2015

- Moderator's June Work Plan Report
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Moved to accept: Onetta. Second Gail; Passes.

- **Moderator's Corner**

Great week of sorrow. Had over 40,000 hits on FB. Sending out something to churches about moment of silence.

Upcoming Supreme Court ruling. This last week a group met with Tony Freeman and SLT regarding new priorities and is exciting.

Hoping to appoint new Development director next week for a mid-July start date.

We have Moderator's Circle event in San Diego, another in October, and hope to have another one before end of year.

- **Finance Committee**

E-Motion on 6/17- GBFC-0615-01: Move that up to \$80K of 2015 investment funds, originally designated only for development director and emerging church program support, be expanded for use to include church life and health support as well as general operating expenses.

Moved by Gail; seconded by Carol; Motion passed unanimously.

Vote passed last week regarding managing the deficit for 2015 and ensuring that funds continue to be available to support key programs.

Barb: SLT has made additional progress toward closing gap on run rate, made cuts, delayed programs, on expense side. Between cuts of SLT and action of GB, it's my estimate, that unless there is continued fall-off, that is the only risk area. We should be on track to close gap on 2015. We will look at it in more detail in July or August, depending on the pleasure of the GB.

- **Development Capacity Building**

We are still working on this.

- **Development Committee**

Main activity is planning for the development director



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- **Assessment Report**

One church is due to come back to us in the next month. One other to be looked at as a revisit

- **Governance Committee**

Onetta: We were proposing the eligibility requirements for GC. Proposed motion on slide 9 (see below). Set criteria early, so people can start to accommodate them. This is a motion.

GBGC-0615-01: "In order to be eligible to vote at General Conference XXVI on 5 July 2016, all churches must have paid their UFMCC assessment payments through 31 December 2015 by 5 PM Eastern Time on 29 February 2016, and/or have a current signed assessment agreement in place. For USA churches, Board of Pensions payments must be current through 31 December 2015."

Motion to Approve. Onetta. Second, Clinton. Passes.

GC voting – we are looking at electronic voting on site (and costs associated). The possibility of online remote voting was raised and will be investigated but at present does not seem viable. MNC will do a call for prayers.

GBNC is holding monthly meetings.

Joseph Stambaugh resigned from Bylaws Team. Will not replace at this time.

E-Motion on 6/8: Move to invite Young Adults to the August GB Meeting Face to Face Meetings Virtually.

Moved by Carol; Seconded by Onetta; Motion passed unanimously.

- **Communications**

Nothing new. Working on LinkedIn. I noticed MCC has account, but no activity in quite some time. Will have something to report on in July.

- **Alternating Meeting Times Follow-up**

This is follow-up to agreement in March. That we would alternate between 4 p.m. and 2 p.m. ET for virtual meetings.

- **Audit Status**

We will have 2011, 2012, 2013 for GC2016.

- **Moderator Transition Team**

The proposed site for the installation of the new moderator was discussed. Various options are still in discussion.

Move to approve the recommendation of the Moderator's Transition Team that the Moderator's office may be located at personal preference of the Moderator as a separate office from the MCC business office, which will remain in its current location.

Carol: Move. Onetta: Second. Passes. Abstention: Robert.



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- **General Conference Updates**

The other things happening at the moment: about to embark on marketing campaign: A year from now: this will be happening at General Conference. So people can be excited about content. That will be email campaign.

A second phase will follow in Iberoamerica, Eliud Dimas is lead from GC Core Team; will share why they are excited to go to GC and why "Be MCC."

Registration continues to come in slowly. This is expected. It will pick up in January, when there is a rate change.

We are also working on lining up speakers. Have confirmed Jennifer Finney Boylan, and finalize with Mariela Castro.

- **GC Fundraising Event**

Move into exec session at 4:57 p.m. Move: Gail. Second: Clinton. Passes.

Withdraw from Executive Session at approximately 5:22 p.m.

5:23	Review Action Items/Meeting Evaluation	Clinton
5:26	Closing Prayer	Carol

