

**Committee on Overtures and Resolutions**

**Standing Committee Report  
35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

The Standing Committee on Overtures and Resolutions convened at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and met once. Chairman RE Kent Talbert opened the meeting with prayer.

**A. Business Referred to Committee:**

1. **Recommendation #11**
2. **Recommendation #12**
3. **Recommendation #13**
4. **Recommendation #47**
5. **Recommendation #57**
6. **Recommendation #58**
7. **Recommendation #59**
8. **Recommendation #60**
9. **Recommendation #61**

**B. Recommendations:**

1. That **Recommendation #11 [ADM-10]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly V.5-1* to give the Moderator discretion in determining when the election of the Stated Clerk shall take place on the agenda” **be adopted.**

<b>Current Rules for Assembly V.5-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly V.5-1 Changes in <i>bold italics</i></b>
The Stated Clerk shall be elected on the last day of the Assembly. A new Stated Clerk shall assume office at the end of the Assembly, or at such time thereafter as designated by the General Assembly (Cf. Acts 82-09)	<b><i>The date and time of the election of the Stated Clerk at the Assembly shall be determined by the Moderator.</i></b> A new Stated Clerk shall assume office at the end of the Assembly, or at such time thereafter as designated by the General Assembly (Cf. Acts 82-09)

2. That **Recommendation #12 [ADM-11]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1*, updating the names of the committees for which the Committee on Administration has oversight and coordination” **be adopted.**

<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1A.3.a.1 Changes in <i>bold italics</i></b>
a. Administrative Oversight  1) Oversight and coordination of Administrative Committee with	a. Administrative Oversight  1) Oversight and coordination of Administration Committee with

World Outreach, Christian Education, Ministerial Vocation, National Outreach, Women’s Ministries, Student Ministries and College Ministries Committees.	World Outreach, Christian Education <i>and Communications</i> , Ministerial Vocation, <i>Church Planting &amp; Revitalization</i> , Women’s Ministries, and <i>Student &amp; College Ministries</i> Committees.
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3. That **Recommendation #13 [ADM-12]** from the Committee on Administration, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1* to remove the Assistant Stated Clerk as ex-officio member of the World Outreach Committee” **be adopted.**

<b>Current Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly X.10-1B.1</b>
<p>B. Committee on World Outreach</p> <p>1. The Committee on World Outreach shall be comprised of nine members on a three-year, three class system, with the Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Assistant Stated Clerk serving as ex-officio members with voice and vote. A quorum of the committee shall be five, excluding ex-officio members...</p>	<p>B. Committee on World Outreach</p> <p>1. The Committee on World Outreach shall be comprised of nine members on a three-year, three class system, with the Moderator <i>and</i> Stated Clerk, <del>and Assistant Stated Clerk</del> serving as ex-officio members with voice and vote. A quorum of the committee shall be five, excluding ex-officio members...</p>

4. That **Recommendation #47** from the Presbytery Review Committee, “that *Rules for Assembly IX.9-12G* be amended so that Presbytery Minutes will be reviewed on a calendar year basis, superseding Act of Assembly 98-05” **be adopted.**

<b>Current Rules for Assembly IX.9-12G</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly IX.9-12G</b>
<p><b>G. Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes</b> Date, time, place of meeting, Presbytery must meet at least three (3) times a year. <b>(G.16-17).</b> Presbytery review year shall include those minutes approved by Presbytery up to June 1 of each Assembly year. <b>Minutes</b> should reflect the names of Ruling and Teaching Elders present, visitors present, and include excused and unexcused absences. Minutes should</p>	<p><b>G. Guidelines for Presbytery Minutes</b> Date, time, place of meeting, Presbytery must meet at least three (3) times a year. <b>(G.16-17).</b> Presbytery review year <del>shall include those minutes approved by Presbytery up to June 1 of each Assembly year.</del> <i>shall be the calendar year. Presbyteries shall submit signed copies of their approved minutes for the completed calendar year to the General Assembly no later than March 1 of the following year.</i></p>

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5. That **Recommendation #57** from the Committee on Administration, “that *Rules for Assembly V.5-6* be amended to allow the Stated Clerk discretion to appoint a parliamentarian for the Assembly” **be adopted.**

<b>Current Rules for Assembly V.5-6</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly V.5-6</b>
5-6 The Stated Clerk shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.	5-6 The Stated Clerk, <i>or a person designated by the Stated Clerk</i> , shall be the parliamentarian of the General Assembly.

6. That **Recommendation #58** from the Committee on Administration, “that *Rules for Assembly VI.6-1* be amended to give the Stated Clerk discretion to delegate responsibility for planning the worship services of the General Assembly” **be adopted.**

<b>Current Rules for Assembly VI.6-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly VI.6-1</b>
6-1 The Moderator of the last General Assembly and the Stated Clerk shall plan the periods of worship at the meeting of the Assembly, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper and public services. A brief worship service shall be included at the beginning of each day's session.	6-1 <del>The Moderator of the last General Assembly and</del> The Stated Clerk, <i>or a person designated by the Stated Clerk</i> , shall plan the periods of worship at the meeting of the Assembly, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper and public services. A brief worship service shall be included at the beginning of each day's session.

7. That **Recommendation #59** from the Committee on Administration, “that *Rules for Assembly VII.7-4* be amended so that the filing deadline in the Constitution for proposals to amend the **Book of Order** also appears in *Rules for Assembly*” **be adopted.**

<b>Current Rules for Assembly VII.7-4</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly VII.7-4</b>
7-4 All overtures shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of General Assembly. No overtures	7-4 All overtures <i>proposing amendments to the Book of Order shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least sixty (60)</i>

<p>received by the Stated Clerk less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Assembly shall be considered by its Assembly convening in that year. Overtures from the floor of General Assembly shall be considered only if received by a 2/3 vote of assembled Commissioners.</p>	<p><i>days prior to the opening of the General Assembly (G.21.3D.2(a)). All other overtures</i> shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of General Assembly. No overtures received by the Stated Clerk less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Assembly No overtures received after those filing dates shall be considered by its Assembly convening in that year. Overtures from the floor of General Assembly <i>prior to the deadline for new business</i> shall be considered only if received by a 2/3 vote of assembled Commissioners.</p>
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8. That **Recommendation #60** from the Committee on Administration, “that *Rules for Assembly IX.9-1* be amended so that the definition of Overtures and Resolutions Committee is expanded and so that Standing Committee names and descriptions are consistent with other sections of the document” **be adopted.**

<b>Current Rules for Assembly IX.9-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly IX.9-1</b>
<p><b>IX. Standing Committees</b></p> <p>9-1 All business shall ordinarily come to the floor of the Assembly for final action through Standing Committees, except reports of ad interim committees, which shall report directly to the Assembly. The following committees shall handle the matters indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Administration - concerning administrative matters</li> <li>B. World Outreach - concerning world missions</li> <li>C. National Outreach - concerning home missions and evangelism</li> <li>D. Christian Education and Communications- concerning</li> </ul>	<p><b>IX. Standing Committees</b></p> <p>9-1 All business shall ordinarily come to the floor of the Assembly for final action through Standing Committees, except reports of <i>ad interim</i> committees, which shall report directly to the Assembly. The following committees shall handle the matters indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Administration - concerning administrative matters</li> <li>B. World Outreach - concerning world missions</li> <li>C. <b><i>Church Planting and Revitalization - concerning evangelism, church planting, and church revitalization</i></b></li> <li>D. Christian Education and Communications- concerning</li> </ul>

Christian education and publications	Christian education, <i>publications, and communications</i>
E. Ministerial Vocation - concerning preparation and care of ministers	E. Ministerial Vocation - concerning preparation and care of ministers
F. Fraternal Relations - concerning other denominations and agencies	F. Fraternal Relations - concerning other denominations and agencies
G. Memorials and Appreciation - concerning appreciation	G. Memorials and Appreciation - concerning appreciation
H. Overtures and Resolutions - concerning communications	H. Overtures and Resolutions - concerning communications <i>and matters that do not fall within the purview of other Standing Committees.</i>
I. Theology - concerning theological matters under study	I. Theology - concerning theological matters under study
J. Women's Ministries - concerning ministries for the women of the church	J. Women's Ministries - concerning ministries for the women of the church
K. Student and College Ministries – concerning youth and college ministries for the youth of the church	K. Student and College Ministries – concerning youth and college ministries <del>for the youth of the church</del>

9. **Recommendation #61** from the Committee on Administration, “that *Rules for Assembly XIV.14.3* be amended to allow the chair of a Standing Committee to recommend that recommendations of that Committee be acted upon together rather than separately” **be adopted.**

<b>Current Rules for Assembly XIV.14-3</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly XIV.14-3</b>
14-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted on separately.	14-3 Each recommendation in each report must be read, considered, and acted on separately, <i>unless otherwise recommended by the chair and approved by a majority vote of the Assembly.</i>

**C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee:**

1. No recommendations referred to the Standing Committee are eligible to be placed on an omnibus consent motion.

RE Kent Talbert closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
RE Kent Talbert

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RE Jennifer Harrington