

## Committee on Overtures and Resolutions

### Standing Committee Report 37th General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Overtures and Resolutions convened at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 and met once. Chairman RE Annie Rose opened the meeting with prayer. RE Rose briefly reviewed the process we would follow for this meeting, then provided a brief preview of the docket for this meeting.

Present for the committee meeting were 33 of 47 assigned Commissioners (including the moderator and recording clerk), with also in attendance TE Sam Knight.

#### A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Communication 17-02**
2. **Overture 17-A**
3. **Overture 17-B**
4. **Overture 17-D**
5. **Recommendation #1 [ NLT-37-3]**
6. **Recommendation #15 [NLT-37-2]**
7. **Recommendation #44**
8. **Recommendation #45**

#### B. Recommendations:

1. That **Communication 17-02** from the Presbytery of the West, “that the Assembly accept the request to adjust the boundary to the 114th west meridian in anticipation of the General Assembly establishing two new presbyteries out of the current Presbytery of the Pacific” (see p. 11 in the Commissioner’s Handbook for the details) **be received as information**
2. That **Overture 17-A** from the Presbytery of the Pacific, “that the Assembly approve the adjustment to the common boundary between the Presbytery of the Pacific and the Presbytery of the West” (see p. 13 in the Commissioner’s Handbook for the details) **be adopted**.
3. That **Overture 17-B** from the Presbytery of the Pacific, “that the Assembly approve creating two new presbyteries from the current Presbytery of the Pacific” **be adopted** (see pp. 15-18 for the details).
4. That **Overture 17-D** from the Presbytery of Florida, “that the Assembly approve changing the name of the Presbytery of Florida to the Presbytery of Florida and The Caribbean” **be adopted** (see p. 21 in the Commissioner’s Handbook for the details)
5. That **Recommendation #1**, “that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly XI.II* (Committee on Nominations) by adding a new section 11-5 regarding the number of readings of nominees for Permanent Committees at the General Assembly” **be adopted** (see p. 22 in the Commissioner’s Handbook for the details)

<b>Current Rules for Assembly XI.11-5</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly XI.11-5</b>
[No current 11-5]	<p>11-5 Election by the General Assembly</p> <p>The committee shall present the list of nominees at separate business sessions. At the conclusion of the first reading, the Assembly will be informed that additional nominees may be submitted to the Stated Clerk by noon of the following day. At the conclusion of the second reading, the Assembly will be asked to approve the list of nominees.</p>

6. That **Recommendation #15**, “that the Assembly approve an amendment to *Rules for Assembly XI.11-1* regarding the ratio of Ruling to Teaching Elders on the Nominating Committee” **be approved with the following amendment**, to recommend that this Overture be adopted by the General Assembly:

*That the phrase “no more than” be inserted after the word “serving,” so as to read: “...A member serving **no more than** one year of an unexpired term shall be eligible for election to a subsequent full (or three year) term....”*

**RATIONALE:** The committee decided additional clarification was needed to convey the original intent of the proposed change.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly XI.11-1</b>	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly XI.11-1 as amended by the Standing Committee</b> Additions in <i>bold italics</i> <b><u>Amendment underscored</u></b>
<p><b>XI. Committee on Nominations</b></p> <p>11-1 The membership shall consist of one Teaching or Ruling Elder from each Presbytery, and shall be organized in three classes with numbers as close to equal as possible. There shall be at least two more Ruling Elder than Teaching Elder members. A member may serve all or part of one term and shall then be ineligible for re-election for one year. The Stated Clerk, or a person designated by the Clerk, shall work with the committee to insure compliance with the requirements of the Rules for Assembly.</p>	<p><b>XI. Committee on Nominations</b></p> <p>11-1 The membership shall consist of one Teaching Elder or Ruling Elder from each Presbytery, and shall be organized in three classes with numbers as close to equal as possible. <del>There shall be at least two more Ruling Elder than Teaching Elder members.</del> <b><i>The committee shall always have a majority of Ruling Elders.</i></b> A member may serve all or part of one term and shall then be ineligible for re-election for one year <b><i>servi<u>ng no more than one</u></i></b></p>

	<i>year of an unexpired term shall be eligible for election to a subsequent full (or three year) term.</i> The Stated Clerk, or a person designated by the Clerk, shall work with the committee to insure compliance with the requirements of the Rules for Assembly.
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7. That **Recommendation #44**, that the Assembly amend *Rules for Assembly* section XII to read: be **adopted**.

<b>Current Rules for Assembly</b> section XI	<b>Proposed Rules for Assembly</b> section XI Additions in <i>bold italics</i>
XII. The Board of Benefits	XII. <del>The Board of Benefits</del> <b><i>The Board of Directors for Benefit Resources, Inc. (BRI)</i></b>
12-1 The Board of Benefits shall oversee the administration of the denominational Retirement Plan and the Group Insurance Plan...	12-1 <del>The Board of Benefits</del> <b><i>The Board of Directors of Benefits Resources, Inc. (BRI)</i></b> shall oversee the administration of the denominational Retirement Plan and the Group Insurance Plan...

8. That **Recommendation #45**, that the Assembly suspend *Rules for Assembly* XII. 12-1 for one year beginning June 24, 2017 so that 1) the Board of Directors of Benefit Resources, Inc. is expanded by one member, and 2) RE David VanValkenburg’s term is extended for one year. While in effect, this action supersedes Section 4.1 and 4.2 of Article 4 of the bylaws of Benefit Resources, Inc. (BRI) **be adopted**.

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

1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus consent motion:

**None**

TE Dan Borgelt closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
RE Annie Rose

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TE Kenneth Thomas