

**Minutes of the Executive Committee of the  
General Assembly Mission Council (GAC)  
Of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Conference Call  
January 29, 2010 – 3:00 p.m. EST**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Carol Adcock, GAMC Executive Committee Chair, called the meeting to order with prayer at 3:00 p.m. followed by a recitation of the Executive Committee Covenant.

**ATTENDANCE**

Mrs. Adcock called upon Ms. Nancy Hamilton, meeting recorder, to call the roll. Those present for all or a portion of the meeting were:

*Members*

Carol Adcock – GAMC Chair  
Sue Ezell – Chair, Justice Mission Committee  
Esperanza Guajardo – Member-at-large  
Carolyn Knight – Chair, Stewardship Mission Committee  
Michael Kruse – GAMC Vice Chair  
Doug Megill – Chair, Vocation Mission Committee  
Conrad Rocha – Member-at-large  
Linda Valentine – GAMC Executive Director, ex-officio

*Executive Leadership Team*

Joey Bailey – Deputy Executive Director, Shared Services  
Jill Hudson -- Middle Governing Body Relations  
Karen Schmidt – Deputy Executive Director for Communications and Funds Development

*Recorder*

Nancy Hamilton – GAMC Staff, Office of the Executive Director

*Others*

Martha Clark – GAMC Staff, Legal Services  
Barry Creech – GAMC Staff, Communications and Funds Development

*Excused*

Tom Gillespie – Chair, Discipleship Mission Committee  
Carolyn McLarnan – Chair, Evangelism Mission Committee

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

Mrs. Adcock stated that the purpose of the conference call meeting is to provide feedback to the Advisory and Advocacy Committee Review Committee on its report as it goes forward to the 219<sup>th</sup> GA (2010).

Mr. Doug Megill, Chair of the Advisory and Advocacy Committee Review Committee will share feedback with the committee during a conference call on Monday, February 1.

**DISCUSSION OF REPORT**

The Executive Committee discussed the report and some questions and concerns were clarified by Mr. Megill.

**ACTION 1-EC-12910  
*Executive Committee  
Comments to Review  
Committee***

The Executive Committee **AGREED by consensus** to offer two comments to the Advisory and Advocacy Committees Review Committee:

1. In Section I. Recommendations, fourth bullet:

*“Direct the GAMC to amend its policy on closed meetings (GAMC Manual, Appendix 1) to provide that corresponding members to the GAMC from the Advisory and Advocacy Committees be included in all closed sessions of the GAMC with the understanding that they are bound by confidentiality.”*

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**Comment:** This is not a new matter for the GAMC and was last changed in March 2009 after lengthy discussion and consideration. It would be helpful to talk about the perceptions and process leading to this recommendation. Clarify what the policy has been, what prompted the GAMC to come to the current policy, and what raises the issue to be included in this report. It would also be helpful to include who are corresponding members, why the Advisory and Advocacy Committees corresponding members are different from the others and should be included in closed sessions. We currently have 15 corresponding members to the GAMC.

This action, in effect, would create two classes of Corresponding Members to the GAMC. In addition, the report suggests these corresponding members be included in “all” closed meetings. Since meetings may be closed for any of four reasons: property negotiation, personnel, civil and criminal litigation, or security, we think it would be helpful for the Review Committee to clarify whether their recommended role for the advocacy and advisory committee corresponding member applies in each category of possible closed meeting conversation.

2. Page 6, paragraph beginning “ACWC”, last sentence: *“They would like to have the advocacy work of the PC(U.S.A.) included in the GAMC new member orientation, they call for strengthened communication; and they propose that their new (hopefully) fulltime staff person have access to the ELT for planning and consultation.”*

**Comment:** We suggest that the words “hopefully” and “fulltime” be deleted. There may be confusion about the recommendation of the Review Committee with these words included as is, since the reader doesn’t know if “(hopefully) fulltime” is the voice of the Review Committee or the voice of the advocacy and advisory committees. On the next page of the report, the Review Committee documents clearly the position of the two committees and its own position as a review committee. Therefore, the paper is more consistent and clear without the added reference of “(hopefully) fulltime” on page 6.

The Executive Committee commended the report and expressed its thanks for the hard work of the Review Committee. The report is thorough and well thought out.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mike Kruse closed the meeting with prayer and Mrs. Adcock adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mrs. Carol Adcock  
Chair, General Assembly Council

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Ms. Linda Valentine  
Executive Director, General Assembly Council