

**ITEM H.109
FOR ACTION**

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Subject: Comment on Recommendation 6 of “The Self-Study Report of the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to the 221st General Assembly (2014)”

“Direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board to comply with the current (November 2013) Presbyterian Mission Agency Manual in maintaining the dual-member relationship with ACWC, in accordance with the instruction that the advocacy committees “shall” have a member of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, and in light of the particular nature of the advocacy committee’s mandate to “advise the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board on matters of women’s concerns” and to “monitor the implementation of women’s policies and programs relative to women’s concerns.”

Recommendation: That the Executive Committee forward the following comment on Recommendation 6 of the “The Self-Study Report of the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to the 221st General Assembly (2014)” to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board with a recommendation to approve and forward to the 221st General Assembly (2014):

Comment:

The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board is in compliance with the appendix to its Manual of Operations, cited by the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns. The language in the appendix reads: “This Advocacy Committee shall consist of...one Presbyterian Mission Agency Board nominated by the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board Nominating and Governance Subcommittee and elected by the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board to serve a four-year non-renewable term. This voting member fulfills the responsibility of liaison between the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and the Advocacy Committee.” The Manual of Operations also includes this provision: “When no current member of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board has the gifts or abilities required to serve on particular boards or entities that require Board representation, the Board Nominating Committee may select nominees from past Board members.”

At its February 2012 meeting, the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board elected a voting member to serve a four-year, non-renewable term (expiring in 2016) on the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns. This member completes his service on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board at the conclusion of the 221st General Assembly (2014), having served since 2008. However, his term on the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns is not complete until 2016, creating the concern raised by the Advocacy Committee.

This concern was raised by staff in February and options have been relayed to the Advocacy Committee, including asking the duly-elected Board member to resign from the Advocacy Committee before the end of his term (so that a current Board member might be elected), and considering a shortening of the length of the term of service on the Advocacy Committee (if the member must be a Board member for all four years on the Advocacy Committee, then this shortens the list of eligible members by one third, and finding members with sufficient time to serve on all the required additional committees has become quite a challenge.) The

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Presbyterian Mission Agency Board advises the General Assembly to take no action on this item since the Manual of Operations is being followed, and alternate solutions are being discussed.