

ITEM B.201
FOR INFORMATION

JINISHIAN MEMORIAL PROGRAM GOVERNANCE COMMISSION MINUTES,
MAY 15-16, 2014

Draft Minutes of the Jinishian Memorial Program Governance Commission of the
Presbyterian Mission Agency Board
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Howard High School, Wilmington, DE
May 15-16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND
PRAYER

The meeting of the Jinishian Memorial Program (JMP) Governance Commission (GC) of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board was called to order by the Chair, Martin Lifer at 10:15 a.m. who then opened in prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Those present for all or a portion of the meeting were:

*United States Advisory
Commission (USAC) and
Governance Commission
Members*

Vicki Chopourian Gehrt— Chair

Michael Haratunian

Mark Momjian

Greg Allen-Pickett—General Manager (World Mission), arrived 11:30 a.m.

*Governance Commission
Members Only*

Rev. Martin Lifer—Governance Commission Chair

Rev. Jack Hodges

Staff

Eliza Minasyan—Coordinator/Executive Director (JMP)

Cara Taylor—Administrative Assistant (JMP), Recorder

EXCUSED

Amgad Beblawi—Area Coordinator, Middle East, Europe, and
Central Asia (World Mission)

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2013

The Governance Commission VOTED to approve the JMP Governance Commission Minutes of October 17, 2013 and the January 2014 teleconference minutes.

ACTION

PRESBYTERIAN
FOUNDATION REPORT
INFORMATION

The meeting of the Governance Commission was suspended by general consent for reports and discussion in USAC.

Anita Clemons, Vice President of Investments at the Presbyterian Foundation, joined the meeting via Skype conference call to present a JMP endowment fund report.

Anita offered to report back on three questions:

(1) Why did Mission Agency fees change in March 2014?

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- (2) What is the real cost of the fees coming out of the fund?
- (3) What is the total market value (decrease) over the last 10 years?

JMP EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR PROGRESS
REPORT
INFORMATION

Eliza Minasyan reported that, using the Strategic Plan devised last fall for 2015-2019, all country directors gathered in Lebanon in April to craft their action plans, which are already being implemented.

ARMENIA COUNTRY
REPORT
INFORMATION

Eliza Minasyan presented Country Director Armen Hakobyan's report.

ACTION

The Governance Commission reconvened and, after extensive discussion regarding the expansion and remodel of the Yerevan office building proposed by fellow building occupants, and awaiting a final offer with all the details, the committee moved to require a report before any final action is taken or official agreement made. We understand this to be the addition of attic space and improvements to the entrance, stairways, and elevator. APPROVED.

LEBANON COUNTRY
REPORT
INFORMATION

The meeting of the Governance Commission was suspended by general consent for reports and discussion in USAC. Eliza Minasyan presented Lebanon country report on behalf of Lebanon Country Director Pauline Sagherian.

ACTION

The Governance Commission reconvened and VOTED to extend contract to Pauline Sagherian as Lebanon Country Director and to extend term of current Lebanon Advisory Board members for one year.

SYRIA COUNTRY REPORT
INFORMATION

The meeting of the Governance Commission was suspended by general consent for reports and discussion in USAC. Eliza Minasyan presented report on behalf of Syria Country Director Talin Topalakian.

ACTION

The Governance Commission reconvened and VOTED to extend contract for Talin Topalakian as Syria Country Director.
The GC directed Eliza to communicate strongly to Talin what a blessing her ministry is and to ask her to let us know whatever she needs.
The GC VOTED to renew Zabel Yirikian's contract in Damascus.

JMP TURKEY, ISRAEL AND
FINANCIAL REPORTS
INFORMATION

The meeting of the Governance Commission was suspended by general consent for reports and discussion in USAC.

JMP 2015 BUDGET
ACTION

The Governance Commission reconvened and revised the 2015 budget, moving the proposed \$19,000 increase from Armenia's budget to Syria's budget instead. GC VOTED to approve the JMP 2015 budget as revised.

RECESS

The committee recessed at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday.

RECONVENE

The committee reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Friday.

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RELOCATION FEASIBILITY
REPORT
INFORMATION

Greg Allen-Pickett reported that World Mission's decision was to de-link Eliza Minasyan's salary structure from office costs and to raise her salary range effective July 1.

FUNDS DEVELOPMENT
PROPOSAL
INFORMATION

Jack Hodges distributed updated report and calendar.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
RECOGNITION OVERTURE
INFORMATION

Christine Chakoian (Chicago Presbytery) and Vartkes Kassouni (Los Ranchos Presbytery) will be the overture advocates for item 11-07, the Armenian Genocide Centennial Commemoration overture, to the Peacemaking and International Issues committee at the 221st General Assembly in Detroit in June. Cara Taylor and Greg Allen-Pickett will be available as staff resources.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Jinishian Memorial Program Governance Commission was set for October 9-10, 2014. The spring meeting was set for April 9-10, 2015, location to be determined.

ADJOURN WITH
APPRECIATION AND
PRAYERS

Martin Lifer expressed appreciation for each of the Governance Commission members and Jinishian Memorial Program staff. He led the Committee in prayer. The Governance Commission VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin Lifer
Chair

Eliza Minasyan
Jinishian Memorial Program Coordinator/ Executive Director

Cara Taylor
Recorder