

PGR Nominating Committee Report, February 25, 2023

The full Nominating Committee (NC) met via Zoom December 1, 2022 and January 20, 2023. The co-chairs also communicated regularly via email, phone, and text as we began the work for 2023. We bring the following four motions before the assembly for consideration.

MOTION #1. The Nominating Committee seeks to suspend manual of operations, Section IV, paragraph 2, that states we need to rotate between a teaching elder and ruling elder for the election of a moderator-elect for 2023.

Rationale: We attempted for months to find a ruling elder to serve as moderator-elect and were unsuccessful. We have found a teaching elder to serve.

MOTION #2. The Nominating Committee nominates to service:

Moderator-elect – TE Frosty Krummel

Visioning Team – TE Chip Roland, Class of 2024 and RE Martha Dean, Class of 2024

MOTION #3. The Nominating Committee moves that the manual of operations be changed in Section 4 "Moderator and Moderator-Elect" to the following wording "The Nominating Committee presents a nominee for the office of Moderator Elect at the last Stated Meeting of the Presbytery Assembly of that calendar year. It will be the practice of the Nominating Committee to rotate between electing teaching elders and ruling elders, however if the rotation cannot be maintained in one year the Nominating Committee will nominate a qualified candidate regardless of designation "

Rationale: In recent years we have struggled to abide by the stated practice of having ruling elders elected in the odd years, teaching elders in the even years. The NC believes making this change will address the issue by giving a bit more freedom in the search process, and reduce the number of times we will need to approach the assembly to waive the rules.

Motion #4. The Nominating Committee moves that the following be added to the manual of operations Section IV, *Guiding Principles* paragraph. "That any nominee from the floor of presbytery for a standing committee will be first vetted by the Nominating Committee before being presented for election."

Rationale: Currently the NC is staffed by members who have served multiple terms over the last two decades. Experience has taught us that the NC is often given confidential information as to why certain individuals are not suited for specific work. One of the responsibilities of the NC is to vet those recommended/volunteering to be sure a person elected is a good fit. In the case when a person is nominated from the floor there is not an opportunity for vetting, and if the NC is in possession of confidential information, even if each member votes against the election, they do not make a majority to prevent the election of a person previously determined to be unsuited for the work. It will be the NC's practice to report back at the next assembly the result of that nomination – either presentation for election, or that the candidate withdrew their name from consideration.

In other news . . .

If you are feeling called to serve, or have a name to recommend please contact a NC member. Here are the openings we still have for 2023.

Administration Team

1. 2023 TE
2. 2024 TE
3. 2025 TE
4. 2025 TE

CPM

1. 2024 RE – recent resignation
2. 2025 RE

Personnel Committee

1. 2025 TE

COM

1. 2023 RE
2. 2023 RE
3. 2023 RE
4. 2023 RE
5. 2024 RE
6. 2024 RE
7. 2025 RE
8. 2025 RE

We have included in our papers two forms; one is a brief committee description form to use for volunteering or nominating someone for consideration. The other is a form we are hopeful each clerk of session or pastor will fill out and send to us. This form is a list of those ruling elders in your congregation available to be considered for service on a committee. We recognize some of our eligible ruling elders have health or family concerns that make serving not an option this year, so please feel free to omit their names. We are hopeful this will become an annual practice to submit an updated form. Thank you for helping us organize the work of the presbytery.

We would like to share that 41 of our congregations have at least one member serving on a presbytery committee, 4 honorably retired teaching elders who are not officially connected to a congregation are serving, and 1 at-large-member teaching elder is serving our presbytery in a variety of roles. Thank you to all our volunteers, to the congregations that support their work, and to their family & friends who continue to encourage them to build connections in our presbytery.

Finally, thank you to John Rickard, Elissa Bailey, Crystal Goforth, Sabrina McGrath, and Bill Strawbridge for their continue support in our committee's work. We appreciate your wisdom, help, patience, and flexibility.

In Christ's Service,

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