

**Minutes
Thirty Fifth Meeting
North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary
Grand Rapids, MI
November 17th, 2009, 1:30 P.M. – November 18th, 3:00 P.M.**

I. Call to Order:

The Chairman, Rev. Bernard Westerveld called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM with the singing of Psalm 134. Rev. Westerveld read Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2: 1-11; 37-42, briefly expounded the text and prayed.

The Secretary announced the break times as follows. Tuesday 3:15 PM to 3:30 PM; adjournment for a tour of the Seminary at 5:00 PM. Wednesday 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM; Lunch 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM.

The Secretary distributed the delegate and stated clerk listings and asked for updates to be given and corrections to be made.

Requests for prayer on behalf of a family in crisis and a Minister undergoing surgery were requested by members of the Council. The Chair appointed Rev. George Knight III to pray for these two requests.

II. Roll Call:

The Secretary called the roll of member churches.

A. Member Churches:

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church: Rev. Kyle Sims; Mr. Henry Foster; Rev. Robert Patrick III; Rev. Matt Kingswood.

Canadian Reformed Churches: Dr. Riemer Faber; Rev. Andrew Pol; Rev. Eric Kampen.

Eglise Reformee du Quebec: Rev. Bernard Westerveld; Mr. Marc Drouin; Mr. Patrice Michaud.

Free Reformed Churches of North America: Rev. Lawrence W. Bilkes; Rev. Lawrence J. Bilkes; Rev. Peter Vandermeiden.

Heritage Reformed Congregations: Rev. Bartel Elshout; Rev. Mark Kelderman.

Korean American Presbyterian Church: Rev. Ik-Young (Iggi) Choi.

Orthodox Presbyterian Church: Mr. Mark Bube; Rev. Anthony Curto; Rev. George Knight; Rev. Tom Tyson.

Presbyterian Church in America: Dr. Craig Higgins; Dr. L. Roy Taylor.

Reformed Church in the United States: Rev. Maynard Koerner; Rev. Mike McGee; Rev. Ron Potter.

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America: Rev. Bruce Martin; Mr. Drew Gordon; Rev. Matt Kingswood; Rev. David Reese.

United Reformed Churches of North America: Rev. John Bouwers; Rev. Harry Zekveld; Rev. Casey Freswick

B. Invited Observers:

Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin): None present

Presbyterian Reformed Church: Rev. Tim Worrell; Rev. Douglas Gebbie

Bible Presbyterian Church: None present.

C. Invited Guests:

None

D. Reception of New Churches.

Report on additional results of members churches voting re: membership of PRC (See Minutes 2008 II.D.)

The ARPC voted in favor of the CanRC and PRC membership in NAPARC giving the two thirds necessary for the seating of the PRC as a member church of NAPARC. The PRC was seated. (The CanRC was seated in 2008; Minutes 2008 II.D.)

III. Election of Officers

The Interim Committee recommended the following slate of officers.

Chairman: Lawrence J. Bilkes.
Vice Chairman: Bartel Elshout
Secretary: Ron Potter
Treasurer: Maynard Koerner.

This recommendation was seconded. Carried.

IV. Reports from Member Churches

Recommendation #3 from the Interim Committee report: That reports of the OPC, ARPC, CanRC, URCNA, and KAPC be approved for presentation to the plenary session. Seconded. Carried. (cf. Bylaws III.2.c)

The Chairman called upon each of the member churches in order for their reports and assigned a delegate from a member church to pray for the reporting church.

Church	Reporter	Who Prayed
ARPC	Rev. Kyle Sims	Rev. Tim Worrell (PRC)
CanRC	Dr. Riemer Faber	Rev. Robert Patrick (ARPC)
ERQ	Patrice Michaud; Marc. Drouin; Rev. Bernard Westerveld	Rev. Andrew Pol (CanRC)

Moved that Dr. Dariusz M. Brycko, Executive Director of *Tolle Lege Institute* address the Council for no longer than 5 minutes regarding the translation of Reformed works into Polish. Seconded. Carried (2/3 majority Bylaws VII.2). Dr. Brycko addressed the Council.

FRCNA	Rev. Peter VanderMeyden	Rev. Bernard Westerveld (ERQ)
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Order of the Day was called by the Chair at 3:15 PM.

The Chair called the Council to order at 3:30 PM

HRC	Rev. Bartel Elshout	Rev. Peter VanderMeyden (FRC)
KAPC	Rev. Ik-Young Choi	
OPC	Mark Bube	Rev. Ik-Young Choi (KAPC)
PCA	Dr. Roy Taylor	

Order of the Day was called by the Chair at 5:00 PM. Rev, John Bowers led the Council in closing prayer.

A tour of Puritan Reformed Seminary led by Dr. Joel Beeke followed..

A banquet was held at the *Country Inns & Suites* at 6:00 PM. Dr. Joel Beeke spoke to the assembled delegates and visitors on the subject of Experimental Preaching. Dr. Beeke answered several questions following the presentation.

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The Council was called to Order by the Chair at 8:37 AM. Rev. Bilkes read Psalm 133, expounded the text and led in prayer.

PCA (Report Continued)		Dr. George Knight III (OPC)
RCUS	Rev. Maynard Koerner	Dr. Roy Taylor (PCA)
RPCNA	Rev. Bruce Martin	Rev. Mike McGee (RCUS)
URCNA	Rev. Casey Freswick	Rev. David Reese (RPCNA)
PRC	Rev. Douglas Gebbie	Rev. Harry Zekveld (URCNA)

V. Reports from Observer Churches.

None

VI. Adoption of Docket

Recommendation #10: That 30 minutes be set aside, after a brief overview, to discuss the future direction of NAPARC in light of its purpose and function (Constitution Article #3).
 Seconded. Carried. (See XIV.B following)

Moved and seconded to adopt the docket as amended by recommendation #10. Carried

VII. Election of Additional Members to the Interim Committee (see By-laws VI)

The Chairman called upon each member church to advise the Secretary before the end of the Council meeting of its appointments to the Interim Committee.

The following were appointed to the Interim Committee: Rev. Kyle Sims (ARPC); Rev. Andrew Pol (CanRC); Rev. Bernard Westerveld (ERQ); Rev. Lawrence J. Bilkes (FRC); Rev. Bartel Elshout (HRC); Rev. Steve Park (KAPC); Mr. Mark Bube (OPC); Dr. L. Roy Taylor (PCA); Rev. Maynard Koerner (RCUS); Rev. Bruce Martin (RPCNA); Rev. Casey Freswick (URCNA); Mr. Michael Ives (PRC)

VIII. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the 2008 plenary session were declared approved as corrected by the Chairman.

IX. Communications

- A. NAPARC 2009 Delegate and Observer information was received from all churches.
- B. Church Reports were received from the ERQ, FRCNA, HRC, PCA, RCUS, & RPCNA (see IV above, recommendation #3)
- C. A communication was received from the ARPC affirming their vote in favor of the PRC and CanRC becoming a member church of NAPARC (see II.D. above).

X. Treasurer's Report/Auditors Report

The Treasurer, Rev. Maynard Koerner, read his report.

Moved that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Seconded. Carried.

The Rev. Bernard Westerveld presented the Auditors Report. The Treasurers records were found in order and the Treasure was thanked for his work..

XI. Interim Committee Report.

The Interim Committee brought the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That the Web Site Committee be placed on future agendas as a permanent committee after the Treasurer's report and that the agendas of the Interim Committee and the plenary session be amended to reflect this inclusion. Seconded. Carried

Recommendation #2: That the *NAPARC Agreement On Transfer Of Members and Congregations* be placed on the NAPARC Web Site. Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation #3: That the reports of the OPC, ARPC, CanRC, URCNA and KAPC be approved for presentation to the plenary session. Take Note. (see under IV above.)

Recommendation #4: That the annual dues of NAPARC be set at \$300 per church. Seconded. Carried. (Note this is a reduction of \$200 from 2008)

Recommendation #5: That \$500 be budgeted for the Web Site Committee to archive and make digital back up copies of NAPARC documents. Seconded. Carried.

Order of the day was called at 10:02.

Business resumed at 10:22 AM.

Recommendation #6: That the report of the Web Site committee be presented to the plenary session of NAPARC (see Bylaws III.2c.) Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation #7: That Mark Bube (convener), Bruce Parnell, James Kim, Kyle Sims with Secretary Ron Potter as an advisory member, serve as the Web Site Committee. Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation #8: That the Secretary's honorarium be set at \$1500 per year. Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation #9: That \$300 be budgeted for Adobe Acrobat PDF Writer for the use of the Secretary. Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation #10: That 30 Minutes be set aside, after a brief overview, to discuss the future direction of NAPARC in light of its purpose and function (Constitution Article 2). Seconded. Carried. (See under XIV.B)

XII. Old Business:

A. Report from NAPARC Web Site Committee.

Mark Bube presented the Web Site Committee Report with its recommendation. Moved to adopt the report together with its recommendation. Seconded. Carried. (See XII; recommendations 5-7 above).

XIII. Reports on Foreign and Home Missions Consultations.

Mark Bube reported on the Foreign Missions Consultation held earlier in the year. Several NAPARC denominations were represented.

No Home Missions Consultation was held to date.

XIV. New Business:

A. Invitations to other denominations to send observers to NAPARC 2010

The Interim Committee recommends that the following churches be invited to observe the 2010 meeting of NAPARC.

Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin)
Bible Presbyterian Church
Protestant Reformed Church

The motion was seconded and carried.

B. Discussion on purpose and function of NAPARC (See IV above)

Dr. L. Roy Taylor presented a brief overview of the purpose and function of NAPARC to the present.

It was moved to include this report as an appendix to the Minutes of the plenary session
Seconded. Carried.

The discussion ensued. An abstract of the discussion was written by Rev. Andrew Pol (CanRC) for future use.

Moved to solicit input from Interchurch Relations Committee members in the gallery. Seconded. Carried. (2/3 majority). No input was given.

Move to appoint a *Committee of Review* consisting of 5 members to review the constitution goals activities and meetings of NAPARC and to report next year. Seconded. Carried.

Nominations for the committee:

Bart Elshout.
Bernard Westerveld.
Mark Bube
David Reese

Dr. Riemer Faber.

Moved that nominations be closed and the slate nominated be approved by acclamation.
Seconded. Closed.

Moved that Mark Bube be appointed chairman of this *Committee of Review*. Seconded. Carried.

XV. Arrangements for next (2010) meeting

The Interim Committee proposed the following arrangements.

- A. Host: Free Reformed Churches of North America.
- B. Place: Pompton Plains, NJ
- C. Time: November 16-17, 2010

These arrangements were approved by the Council.

The Chairman, Rev. J. Bilkes, thanked the HRC for hosting the 2009 meeting of NAPARC and the various officers of NAPARC for their work.

Dr. Craig Higgins was granted the privilege of the floor to speak to the Council about World Reformed Fellowship.

XVI. Adjournment.

Adjournment was moved, seconded, carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Rev. Bartel Elshout closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Rev. Ron Potter,
Secretary