

Interim Committee Docket
Forty-Fourth Meeting
meeting at
Jubilee Korean American Presbyterian Church
1911 West Marshall Street, West Norriton, Pennsylvania
November 13, 2018, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

- I. Call to Order – the chairman of the previous council, Rev. Dr. S. Steve Park is scheduled to open the meeting.
- II. Roll Call – the chairman calls the roll revealing the following are present (DV):

Member Church	Delegate (tentative)
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church	Rev. Bill Barron
Canadian Reformed Churches	Mr. Les Vanderveen
Église réformée du Québec	Rev. Bernard Westerveld
Free Reformed Churches of North America	Rev. Ian Macleod
Heritage Reformed Congregations	Mr. James Beeke
Korean American Presbyterian Church	Rev. Dr. S. Steve Park
Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin)	Rev. David Kim
Orthodox Presbyterian Church	Mr. Mark T. Bube
Presbyterian Church in America	Dr. Bruce O’Neal
Presbyterian Reformed Church	Rev. D. Douglas Gebbie
Reformed Church in the United States	Rev. Ron Potter
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America	Rev. J. Bruce Martin
United Reformed Churches of North America	Rev. Steve Swets

Also present are Rev. Ralph Pontier, secretary and Rev. Dr. Maynard Koerner, treasurer (DV).

- III. Adoption of the Interim Committee Docket
- IV. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes
 - A. Interim Committee Minutes of 2017
 - B. Council Meeting Minutes of 2017
- V. Report of the Secretary to the Interim Committee. See attached page 4.
- VI. Communications (*Bylaws* IV.1.a-e):
 - A. NAPARC 2018 Delegate and Observer information was received from all churches and published with the Council Docket.
 - B. Church Reports for 2018 were received on time (*Bylaws* III.2.c) from all churches and published with the Council Docket except from the KPCA (Kosin) whose annual assembly is held at the end of October.
 - C. The Foreign Mission Consultation report was received from Mr. Mark Bube and published with the Council Docket.
 - D. The Website Committee Report was received on time (*Bylaws* III.2.c) and published with the Council Docket. See item VIII below for action.

- E. Inquiry from churches for membership – Classis Minnkota of the CRCNA inquires whether a classis of churches may join NAPARC – See attached letter page 7.
 - F. The URCNA sent a copy of its *Marriage Affirmations* adopted in June 2018. A link to this has been made available under the News tab on the NAPARC website.
 - G. The OPC requests permission for Elder David Nahkla to address the plenary session for 15 minutes on Thursday morning (with an additional 15 minutes for questions) “to present the work of relief and diaconal ministry by the OPC, its interplay with sister churches, and especially with the ICRC” with a view that his presentation will be a catalyst for a NAPARC consultation on relief work. See attached letter page 8.
- VII. Treasurer's Report/Auditors' Report
- A. The Treasurer presents a report for review and recommendation to the Council.
 - B. The Auditors' Report is prepared by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for presentation to the Council (*Bylaws* III.2.a.4. and III.2.b.3).
- VIII. Reports and Appointments of Operating Committees
- A. The Website Committee presents its report. See attached page 5.
 - B. The Website Committee presents its budget request for review and recommendation to the Council.
- IX. Old Business
- A. Rev. Ben Westerveld, Rev. Dr. Kyle Syms, and Rev. Jack Sawyer wish to report to the Council on progress toward scheduling NAPARC consultations on youth ministry, theological training, and relief and diaconal ministry (respectively) as authorized by last year's council but not yet implemented (*2107 Minutes* Art. XVI. D, E, & F).
 - B. Suggestions for discussion regarding progress toward organic union (*Bylaws* VI.4.b.3). From the *2017 Minutes*, the following is found in Art. 19.B:
 - Interim Committee **Recommendation** 7 is taken up and seconded. The Interim Committee recommends to the Council that topics 1,4, 7 be placed on the agenda for 2018, and that delegates come prepared for the discussion. These topics are:*
 - *As North American culture is becoming increasingly pluralistic and secular how might we develop a vibrant Reformed witness, although we are a small, minority group?*
 - *Retaining the integrity of Reformed Confessionalism and Ecclesiology in a secular world.*
 - *The Reformed Church and norms for gender, sexuality, marriage, and the family.*
 - 1. *The recommendation to place this on next year's docket is adopted.*
 - 2. *A motion is made and supported to make this a matter a special order of the day for Wednesday afternoon not later than after the afternoon break. The motion is adopted.* This has already been added to the 2018 Council Docket as per instructions of last year so that the delegates may come prepared for discussion.
 - C. Last year's Interim Committee passed the following motion: *A motion is made and supported that the officers of the Interim Committee investigate the desirability of inviting National Presbyterian Church of Mexico and make a recommendation next year.*
- X. New Business
- A. Assignments for questions and prayer following Member Church reports (*Bylaws* VI.4.b.2) are reviewed for recommendation to the Council. See attached page 6.
 - B. Suggestions for discussion regarding progress toward organic union (*Bylaws* VI.4.b.3).

Only one item was gleaned from this year's reports. From the OPC: *Dear brothers, we welcome discussion/advice on the wisdom, propriety, and utility of linguistic updating of the OPC Confessional Standards. The 85th General Assembly narrowly decided on this course, which would will require a process of deliberation required for approval of the constitution of the OPC. We come to you in good faith, asking for advice and would be pleased and helped if you might consider discussing this at our 2019 NAPARC meeting.*

- C. Recommend to the Council a resolution of thanks for the services of Rev. Dr. Maynard Koerner who served as NAPARC treasurer for 20 years (since appointment in November 1998): "Be it resolved that NAPARC thank Rev. Dr. Maynard Koerner for his 20 years of faithful service as treasurer of this organization; that we sadly accept his resignation and thank him for his conscientious attention to detail and wise counsel throughout his years of service, and that we pray for his continued service in God's church and kingdom as the Lord may lead."

XI. Additional Delegates Appointed to the Interim Committee

XII. Nominations of Officers – a slate of officers is prepared for recommendation to the Council.

- A. Chairman –
Bylaw III.1 "The Vice-Chairman of the previous annual meeting shall normally succeed to the office of Chairman and shall be declared elected by acclamation, unless the Council determines to conduct an election."
- B. Vice Chairman –
Bylaw VI.4.h. "usually selected alphabetically from the List of NAPARC Member Churches, with a view to his serving as Chairman of the next year's meeting" The OPC is next on the list to provide a vice chairman.
- C. Secretary –
- D. Treasurer –
 1. From last year's Minutes: Art. XI.C. *The treasurer announces that he will serve for one more year. A motion is made and supported to appoint the officers as a search committee to recommend a new treasurer in 2018. The motion is adopted.*
 2. The officers nominate Rev. Todd De Rooy (Redeemer URC, Orange City, IA) who is willing to serve and has attended several NAPARC meetings.

XIII. Proposed Budget

- A. The Treasurer presents a budget for review and recommendation to the Council.

XIV. Proposed Docket for plenary session of NAPARC

- A. Having reviewed (in the above items) all the items on the proposed Council Docket a motion is considered to approve it and recommend it to the Council.

XV. Arrangements for 2018 meeting

- A. Host: Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin) (Alphabetical rotation as per 2011 *Minutes* p. 27; XVI. Rec.#12)
- B. Place:
- C. Date: Second Tuesday of November (*Bylaws* I.1): November 12-14, 2019.
- D. Invitees:

XVI. Adjournment