

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED MANUAL CHANGES FOR PRESBYTERY APPROVAL

Membership:

- Add Commissioned Pastors to the list of continuing members
- Remove sections that have already been designated to and included in COM authority
- Reword section 2.7: Attendance. Ministers with un-excused absences will be so noted in the minutes of the meeting.

Meetings:

- Remove references to specific meetings for election of GA Commissioners (GA Commissioners must be elected at a time to conform to GA deadlines)

Agencies

- Remove language concerning agencies acting on behalf of presbytery “only if urgency mandates this.” This language has been removed in the commission descriptions. Commissions are given authorization to act on behalf of presbytery in their commission descriptions not contingent on “urgency)
- Remove all but the first sentence of 6.4.2.2 and remove reference to this section in section 7.5.6 (which authorizes the Steering Cabinet to act on matters referred to it by an agency or sub-agency)
- Move section 6.4 on quorums to Section 3 “Meetings”

Special Committees, Task Forces, and Advisory Committees

- Eliminate this section which is redundant with section on Agencies except for the section on term limits of special agencies.
- Move the provision of automatic term limit of special agencies and sub-agencies to Section 6 “Agencies”

Commissioners to Synod and General Assembly

- Remove this section as a dedicated section.
- Move relevant and/or mandatory sections on nominations and elections to the section on Representation/Nominating
- Move the requirement for a report documenting the commissioners from the past five years to the job description of stated clerk

Sessions

- Remove this section as Sessions are Councils covered by the Book of Order.
- Move section on which mandates sessions have copies of their bylaws and articles of incorporation on file with the Presbytery to the requirement for overseeing session record reviews in the stated clerks’ job description

Committees on Representation and the Nominating

- Combine into one committee “Representation and Nominations” retaining the responsibilities of each in the new committee (Recommended unanimously by the Nominating Committee)

Other Editorial changes will be made to eliminate redundancy or clarify wording under the authority of Section 23.3 *“The Stated Clerk, acting with the concurrence of the Moderator of the Administration Committee, is empowered to make necessary editorial changes in this Manual to correct grammar, correct obvious wording errors, eliminate redundancy, and correct inconsistencies with the Book of Order.”*