

FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED COUNCIL
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
November 8, 1989
8:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

The Fifteenth Meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council was called to order by the Chairman, TE Jack Peterson at 8:40 a. m. November 8, 1989, at the Airport Days Inn Motel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Chairman opened the meeting with a reading from Isaiah 62. He then led in prayer.

II. Roll Call

The Secretary called the roll, and a quorum was declared present. The following delegates were present:

MEMBER CHURCHES

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

RE Charles Carlisle
TE John L. Carson
TE Michael L. Garvey

Christian Reformed Church

TE. Clarence Boomsema
TE Leonard J. Hofman
TE ~~Tom A. Rozeboom~~ John A. Rozeboom

Korean American Presbyterian Church

TE Myung Doh Kim
TE Peter B. Kim

Orthodox Presbyterian Church

TE Richard B. Gaffin, Jr.
TE John P. Galbraith
TE William Shishko
TE Robert B. Strimple

Alternate

TE. Jack J. Peterson

Presbyterian Church in America

TE David C. Jones
RE Jack D. Merry
RE Leland L. Nichols
TE K. Eric Perrin

Alternate

TE Tim Fortner

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America

TE Paul M. Martin
 TE John McMillan
 TE Jerry F. O'Neill
 TE Bruce Stewart

Alternates

TE Christopher Wright
 TE Randall D. VanOsdal

OBSERVER CHURCHES**Bible Presbyterian Church**

TE Kevin M. Backus

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

TE L. Edward Davis
 TE Jerrey J. Jeremiah
 TE Andrew A. Jumper
 TE Robert Norris

Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States

TE Wayne Rogers

VISITORS

RE Richard A. Barker, OPC
 TE James D. Hatch, PCA
 TE Morton H. Smith, PCA
 TE Thomas E. Tyson, OPC
 TE G. I. Williamson, OPC

III. Adoption of Docket

The Docket as proposed by the Interim Committee with the addition of consideration of a proposed amendment to the Bylaws before the election of Interim Committee members was adopted.

IV. Election of Officers:

The following were nominated by the Interim Committee and elected by vote of the Council:

Chairman,	TE Leonard Hofman (CRC)
Vice-chairman	TE John Carson (ARP)
Secretary	TE Morton H. Smith (PCA)
Treasurer	RE Charles Carlisle (ARP)

V. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Council as mailed out were approved.

VI. Communications

There were no communications for the Council to consider.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Charles Carlisle, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report (Appendix B). It was moved and seconded that the Report be approved.

Adopted

After reviewing the financial condition of the Council, the Interim Committee recommend that the assessments for the next year be set as follows:

CRC	\$1,000
PCA	1,000
ARP	150
KAPC	150
OPC	150
RPCNA	150

It was moved by the Interim Committee that the Council approve paying an additional \$50 to cover the expenses of the Secretary's Office this past year for the printing of the Minutes.

Adopted

It was moved by the Interim Committee that the Council increase the service fee to the office of the Secretary by \$50 per year, thus making the total annual fee \$200.

Adopted

It was moved by the Interim Committee that the honorarium to the Secretary remain at \$250 per year.

Adopted

The Interim Committee recommends to the Council that the expenses for meeting rooms for NAPARC activities and coffee breaks for consultations be borne by the host church.

Adopted

VIII. Interim Committee Report

The Interim Committee reported that the following non-NAPARC denominations were issued invitations by the Secretary to attend this meeting of the Council as observers.

Bible Presbyterian Church
 Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 Orthodox Christian Reformed Church
 Protestant Reformed Church
 Reformed Church in the United States
 Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States

The Committee recommends that the Secretary be authorized to continue to issue invitations to the above denominations to send observers, and that other denominations be added to this list as recommended by the Council. Among those Churches mentioned in the Interim Committee were the Free Presbyterian Church, the Free Reformed Churches of North America, and the Hungarian Reformed Church.

Adopted

For the information of the Council, the Secretary called attention to an action taken by the Interim Committee at its Called Meeting of the evening before, which did not call for further action by the Council:

"After a frank discussion with the observers from the EPC. on the status of their request for membership in NAPARC, and the proper procedure for continuing this matter, the Committee adopted the following action:

1. That the Secretary be requested to communicate with the Stated Clerk of the EPC to express the regret of the Interim Committee in failing to set up a procedure to follow through on their postponed application for membership.
2. That the EPC be requested to communicate their response to NAPARC on any actions they have taken in response to the action of NAPARC in postponing their application for membership.
3. That the application of the EPC, and its postponement, be made a docket item for the Interim Committee meetings, until a final disposition is made of the matter."

Adopted by the Interim Committee.

IX. Reports from Various Member Churches

Each delegation, including the observer Churches, gave a brief report on significant actions taken at the recent meetings of the Assemblies or Synods of their respective Churches.
(See Appendices C-H for copies of these reports.)

X. Reports from Observer Churches

Representatives of the Observer Churches gave a brief report on significant actions taken at the recent meetings of the Assemblies or Synods of their respective Churches.
(See Appendices I-J for copies of those reports that were presented in writing. Others may be added, if received later.)

The following is a listing of the times and places of the 1990 Assemblies/Synods:

ARP	June 11-14, Bonclarken, Flat Rock, NC
CRC	June 12-22, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
KAPC	June 19-22, Washington, DC
PCA	June 11-15, Atlanta, GA
OPC	June 11-16, San Diego, CA
RPCNA	June 14-20, Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
BPC	Aug. 9-15, Grace Presb. Ch. Sharonville, OH
EPC	June 25-27, Fourth Presb. Ch. Washington, DC
RPCUS	Oct. 5, Chalcedon Presb. Ch., Atlanta, GA

XI. Reports on Conference/Consultation Held

Brief oral reports were made by participants in the various conferences or consultations held in conjunction with this meeting of the Council. (See Appendices K-L for written reports that were presented.)

XII. Amendment of the Bylaws

It was moved and seconded that the Bylaws, Item VI be amended by deleting "and" before Secretary, and adding "and Treasurer" after Secretary. Add a new second and third sentences to the paragraph as follows: "When the Secretary and or Treasurer serves for more than one consecutive term, his delegation may elect an additional member to the Interim Committee, if desired. Each denomination of NAPARC shall have one vote on the Interim Committee, and each denomination's delegation determines who represents that denomination." (A copy of the Constitution and Bylaws as amended is attached.)

Adopted

XIII. Election of Additional Members to Interim Committee

The Bylaws of the Council, as amended specify that the Interim Committee consists of "the officers of the Council, together with such others, elected by the Council as will provide a representative from each member church." "When the Secretary and or Treasurer serves for more than one consecutive term, his delegation may elect an additional member to the Interim Committee, if desired. Each denomination of NAPARC shall have one vote on the Interim Committee, and each denomination's delegation determines who represents that denomination."

The Interim Committee for the following year is as follows:

ARP	John Carson, Vice Chairman
	Charles Carlisle, Treasurer
CRC	Leonard Hofmann, Chairman
KAPC	Myug Kim <i>Myung Dok Kim</i>
OPC	John P. Galbraith
PCA	Chairman of the Interchurch Committee - voting
	Morton H. Smith, Secretary
RPCNA	Paul Martin

XIV. Old Business

There was no old business to be considered.

XV. New Business

It was moved and seconded, that the Interim Committee consider scheduling the meetings of NAPARC on a biennial basis, and that they report back to the Council in 1990.

Adopted

XVI. Arrangements for Next Meeting (place, time, invitees)

The Interim Committee recommended that the PCA serve as host to the next meeting, and that the host church take the lead in the plans for the various consultations. The host church is also asked to arrange for a key note speaker for the dinner. It is recommended that the next meeting be scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, November 7-8, 1990, at Atlanta, Georgia.

Adopted

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m., with prayer by TE John Carson.

Respectfully submitted,

Morton H. Smith, Secretary