

**Minutes**  
**Thirty-Third Meeting of the**  
**North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council**  
**Ramada Inn, Newark, NJ,**  
**November 13, 2007, 1:30-5:30 P.M.**  
**November 14, 2007, 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon.**

- I. **Call to Order:** The Chairman, Rev. James Kim (KAPC), called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Rev. Kim led in devotions from John 21:24-25 and in prayer.

II. **Roll Call**

Break times were set for 3:30 PM to 3:45 PM on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> and for 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The banquet will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> at a local Korean Restaurant hosted by churches of the KAPC. The delegates will return to the Ramada Inn for the featured speaker from the KAPC, Dr. Steve Park. Breakfast on the 14<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by the KAPC.

The Secretary instructed the Council relative to documents available and the gathering of updated delegate, observer, and denominational stated clerk information.

The secretary called the roll of member, observer and invited guest churches.

**A. Member Churches:**

| <b>Church</b>                           | <b>Delegates</b>                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  | Rev. Kyle Sims<br>Rev. Charles Edgar                                                  |
| Eglise Reformee du Quebec               | Rev. Ben Westerveld<br>Rev. Patrice Michaud                                           |
| Free Reformed Churches of North America | Rev. Gerald Procee<br>Rev. Lawrence J. Bilkes                                         |
| Korean American Presbyterian Church     | Rev. James Kim<br>Rev. David Yuhan<br>Rev. Moon Hwee Cho<br>Dr. Steve Park            |
| Orthodox Presbyterian Church            | Rev. Robert Needham<br>Rev. Jack Peterson<br>Elder Mark Bube<br>Dr. George Knight III |
| Presbyterian Church in America          | Rev. Lewis Ruff<br>Dr. L. Roy Taylor<br>Mr. Stanley Jenkins<br>Mr. Craig Higgins      |

Reformed Church in the United States

Rev. George Syms  
Rev. Maynard Koerner  
Rev. Ron Potter

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America

Rev. Bruce Parnell  
Mr. Doug Carson  
Dr. Bruce Martin

United Reformed Churches of North America

Rev. John Bouwers  
Rev. Peter Vellenga  
Rev. Don Hoaglander  
Rev. Harry Zekveld

**B. Invited Observers:**

**Church**

**Observers**

Canadian Reformed Churches

Rev. Eric Kampen  
Mr. Jacob Kuik  
Rev. R. Pot  
Rev. Holtvluwer

Heritage Reformed Congregations

Rev. David Lipsy  
Rev. Mark Kelderman

Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin)

Rev. James Alderman  
Rev. Byungo Kim

Presbyterian Reformed Church

Rev. Michael Ives  
Mr. Vin Gebhart  
Pastor Tim Worrell

**C. Invited Guests:**

**Church**

**Representative**

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

None

**D. Reception of New Churches.**

The Chairman reported that 6 churches have thus far affirmed the reception of the Heritage Reformed Congregations into NAPARC membership constituting the two thirds required by the Constitution for reception. The HRC was seated as a full member church of NAPARC.

**III. Election of Officers**

The Interim Committee recommended the following officer nominees for election.

Chairman: Dr. George Knight III

Vice Chairman: Rev. Ben Westerveld

Secretary: Rev. Ron Potter

Treasurer: Rev. Maynard Koerner

Moved to elect the nominated slate of officers. Seconded. Carried.

The chair called a 5 minute break to facilitate the change of officers.

#### **IV. Reports from Member Churches**

The following member churches reported to the Council followed by prayer for that church by a Chair appointed representative from another church. After each report the Chairman gave opportunity for questions to be directed to the church reporting and for answers to be given.

| <i><b>Denomination</b></i> | <i><b>Reporter</b></i> | <i><b>Who Prayed</b></i> | <i><b>Paper</b></i> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| ARPC                       | Kyle Sims              | John Bouwers             |                     |
| ERQ                        | Ben Westerveld         | Kyle Sims                |                     |
| FRCNA                      | Gerald Procee          | Ben Westerveld           |                     |
| HRC                        | David Lipsy            | Gerald Procee            |                     |
| KAPC                       | Steve Park             | Mark Kelderman           |                     |
| OPC                        | Robert Needham         | Steve Park               |                     |
| PCA                        | Roy Taylor             | Unrecorded               |                     |

**Order of the Day was called at 3:30 PM.**

**The Council reconvened at 3:45 PM**

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| PCA report continued |               | Mark Bube     |
| RCUS                 | George Syms   | Craig Higgins |
| RPCNA                | Bruce Parnell | George Syms   |
| URCNA                | Harry Zekveld | Doug Carson   |

#### **V. Reports from Observer Churches.**

The Chairman requested consensus that these reports be postponed till later in the agenda at the call of the Chair. There was no objection.

## **VI. Adoption of Docket**

The Secretary presented the docket for the plenary session as amended and approved by the Interim Committee. Moved and seconded that the docket as amended, approved and presented by the Interim Committee be approved. Carried.

## **VII. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the 2006 meeting of NAPARC were reviewed. The Secretary advised of 5 typographical errors in the 2006 Minutes. The Minutes were declared approved by the Chairman.

## **VIII. Communications**

The Secretary presented the following communications.

- A. NAPARC 2007 Delegate and Observer information was received from all the member and observer churches. This communication was received for information.
- B. Reports were received from the ARPC, ERQ, FRCNA, OPC, PCA, RCUS, RPCNA, URCNA and the KAPC (approved by the Interim Committee). These communications were received for information.
- C. From the Inter-Church Relations Committee of the Synod of the ARPC: Approving the reception of the Heritage Reformed Congregations into NAPARC Membership. This communication was received for information.
- D. From the General Assembly of the OPC: Approving the reception of the Heritage Reformed Congregations into NAPARC membership. This communication was received for information.
- E. From the Synod of the URCNA advising of:
  - 1. Ratification of 2005 decision of NAPARC to welcome the FRCNA into membership.
  - 2. Ratification of 2006 decision of NAPARC to welcome the HRC into NAPARC membership.
  - 3. URCNA Synod not endorsing NAPARC proposed statement on Women in the Military together with 3 grounds,This communication was received for information.
- F. From the Canadian Reformed Churches: Application for NAPARC membership together with supporting documents. Recommended by Interim Committee to place under new business XIII.A. Seconded. Carried.
- G. From the Presbyterian Reformed Church: Application for NAPARC membership together with supporting documents. Recommended by the Interim Committee to place under new business XIII.B. Seconded. Carried.

H. From the PCA for information:

a. *The Report of Ad Interim Study Committee on Federal Vision, New Perspective and Auburn Avenue Theology.*

b. (Approved by Interim Committee): PCA Standing Judicial Commission Actions on Federal Vision.

I. From David W. Hall Executive Director of Calvin500 providing an update on the *Calvin Quincentenary* together with documents for the information of NAPARC Churches. Recommended by Interim Committee to place under new business XIII.D. Seconded. Carried.

J. (Approved by Interim Committee): From the Interchurch Relations Committee of the RPCNA: Advising of ratification of 2006 decision of NAPARC to welcome the HRC into NAPARC membership. This communication was received for information.

K. (Approved by Interim Committee): From the FRCNA: Advising of ratification of 2006 decision of NAPARC to welcome the HRC into NAPARC membership. This communication was received for information.

L. (Approved by Interim Committee): From Donna Campbell regarding a proposal for the publication of information relative to the location of NAPARC churches. Recommended by the Interim Committee that this communication be placed under new business as XIII.L. Seconded. Carried.

Moved that the communications received from the HRC following the 2006 meeting germane to their application for NAPARC membership be received for information under communications. Seconded. Carried.

#### **IX. Treasurer's Report/Auditors Report**

Rev. Maynard Koerner read the Treasurer's report.

Moved that the Treasurer write a letter to the KAPC thanking them for providing the NAPARC Banquet on the 13<sup>th</sup> and breakfast on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Seconded. Carried.

The Council adjourned for a banquet hosted and funded by the KAPC held at a restaurant in Palisades, NJ.

The Council re-gathered at the Ramada meeting room to hear a presentation by Dr. Steve Park (KAPC) entitled: *Understanding Korean Presbyterian Distinctives: Marking the Centenary of the Great Revival of 1907.*

Moved to recess until 8:30 AM on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Seconded. Carried.

The Chair, with consensus of the Council, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM. The Chairman read Psalm 133 and led in prayer.

The Treasurers report continued.

Moved to receive the Treasurers Report. Seconded. Carried.

The audit of the Treasurer's report was conducted by Rev. James Kim and Rev. George Knight III according to Bylaw III.2.D. The auditors reported that the Treasurer's books were found in order. Moved to receive the Auditors Report. Seconded. Carried.

**X. Interim Committee Report.**

The Secretary reported that the Interim Committee met at 10:30 AM to approve the final docket for the plenary session of NAPARC and that the work of the Interim Committee is reflected in the amended plenary session docket together with its recommendations.

**V. Reports from Observer Churches**

| <b>Church</b>                                 | <b>Reporter</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Canadian Reformed Churches                    | Richard Pot     |
| Presbyterian Reformed Church                  | Michael Ives    |
| Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin) | James Alderman  |

**XI. Old Business:**

**A. Report from NAPARC Web Site Committee.**

Rev. James Kim read the report of the Web Site Committee together with its recommendations.

Recommendation #1 was moved. Seconded.

Moved to amend by deleting the words "to the secretary. Seconded. Defeated.

Vote on main motion carried..

Recommendation #2: Moved. Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation #3: Moved. Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation #4: Moved. Seconded.

A substitute motion was moved "that the officers of NAPARC be responsible to oversee and maintain the web site. Seconded.

Moved to amend the substitute by addition: . . ."and that a web master be appointed to work under the oversight of the officers." Seconded.

Vote on the amendment: Carried.

Vote on the substitute as amended: Defeated.

Vote on the main motion: `Defeated.

Vote on recommendation #4: Carried.

The Chair appointed the following three men to serve as the Web Site Committee : James Kim; Mark Bube; Bruce Parnell.

Moved that the Web Site Committee, at their discretion, appoint a web master and fund his position with existing funds. Seconded. Carried.

- B. Took from the Table of 2006 Minutes XI. F re: 2006 Women in the Military statement: *That NAPARC might respond to inquiries regarding NAPARC's position on the matter by listing the relevant adopted statements of member churches including their grounds.*

By common consent the above motion was amended by deleting the word "might" and regarded as a substitute statement for the co-ordinate statement on Women in the Military. The above motion as amended was carried.

The amended motion now reads: *That NAPARC respond to inquiries regarding NAPARC's position on the matter by listing the relevant adopted statements of member churches including their grounds*

- C. Results of member churches voting re: reception of HRC into NAPARC membership:

The secretary reported the results of votes received to date.

|       |               |
|-------|---------------|
| ARPC  | Yes           |
| ERQ   |               |
| FRCNA | Yes           |
| KAPC  |               |
| OPC   | Yes           |
| PCA   | Yes           |
| RCUS  | Not voted yet |
| RPCNA | Yes           |
| URCNA | Yes           |

## **XII. Reports on Foreign and Home Missions Consultations.**

Mark Bube reported on the Foreign Missions consultation held in Pittsburg in the fall of 2006 and gave notice of the 2007 Foreign Missions consultation to be held Nov. 20-21, 2007 in Philadelphia.

No Home Mission consultations were held this year in conjunction with NAPARC.

## **XIII. New Business:**

- A. Application of Canadian Reformed Churches for NAPARC membership

The Secretary read the letter of application from the Canadian Reformed Churches for NAPARC membership.

Recommended by the Interim Committee that the application of the Canadian Reformed Churches for NAPARC be accepted. Seconded.

The Chair gave the delegations 5 minutes to caucus following which the Secretary called the roll of churches.

ARPC Yes; ERQ Yes; FRCNA Yes; HRC Yes; KAPC Yes; OPC Yes;  
PCA Yes; RCUS Yes; RPCNA Yes; URCNA. Yes.

The recommendation carried.

**B. Application of Presbyterian Reformed Church for NAPARC membership.**

The Secretary read the letter of application from the Presbyterian Reformed Church for NAPARC membership. Motion recommended by the Interim Committee that the application be accepted. Seconded.

The Chair gave the delegation 5 minutes to caucus following which the Secretary called the roll of churches.

ARPC Yes; ERQ Abstain; FRCNA Yes; HRC Yes; KAPC Yes; OPC Yes;  
PCA Yes; RCUS Yes; RPCNA Yes; URCNA Yes.

The recommendation carried.

**C. Invitations to other denominations to send observers/ guests.**

Recommended for approval by the Interim Committee

- Canadian Reformed Churches (as observer)
- Korean Presbyterian Church (Kosin) (as observer)
- Presbyterian Reformed Church (as observer)
- Evangelical Presbyterian Church (as other guests)

Moved that recommended list be approved. Seconded. Carried.

**D. David Hall communication.**

Moved that NAPARC forward the Calvin Quincentenary material to the Interchurch Relations Committees of the NAPARC churches for disposition as the Interchurch Relations Committees deem appropriate and place the Calvin Quincentenary material on the NAPARC Web Site. Seconded. Carried

**E. Donna Campbell Communication regarding publication of locations of NAPARC churches.**

Moved that the proposal be declined with thanks and that she be advised. Seconded. Carried.

**F. St. Mark's Church announcement.**

Rev. Bernard Westerveld presented information relative to the involvement of St. Marc's Church in the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Quebec City relative to the promotion of Huguenot history.

Moved that St. Marc's Church (ERQ) be given \$6,000 out of NAPARC funds. Seconded. Carried.

**XIV. Arrangements for next (2008) meeting**

Host: OPC

Place: To be announced (Philadelphia, PA or Greenville, SC possibilities)

Time: Nov. 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Moved that the meeting time of NAPARC 2008 be extended to 5:00 PM on November 12, 2008. Seconded.

Moved to amend by changing 5:00PM to 3:00 PM. Seconded. Carried.

Vote on main motion as amended. Carried.

**XV. Adjournment.**

Moved to adjourn at 11:52 PM. Seconded. Carried.

Rev. Ben Westerveld closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rev. Ron Potter  
Secretary