

**Minutes
Thirty Fourth Meeting
North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary,
Taylors, South Carolina
1:30 P.M, November 11th, 2008 – 3:00 P.M., November 12th, 2008.**

I. Call to Order:

The Chairman, Dr. George Knight III, called the plenary session to order at 1:30 PM. The Chairman read Ephesians 4:1-3. Rev. Maynard Koerner led in prayer.

Dr. Joseph Pipa, President of GPTS, welcomed the delegates and observers and acquainted them with the facilities of the Seminary.

The Chairman set the following break times: Tuesday the 11th, 3:30 PM to 3:45 PM; Supper at 5:30 PM and a lecture at 7:00 PM. Wednesday the 12th, 10:00 AM to 10:15 PM. The call to order was set at 8:30 AM on the 12th and lunch on the 12th was set at 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. A tour of the GPTS facility was arranged for 5:00 PM on the 11th.

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

II. Roll Call

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

A. Member Churches:

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church: Rev. Kyle Sims; Rev. Dr. John R. de Witt; Gordon S. Query; Rev. Tom Shoger.

Eglise Reformee du Quebec: Rev. Bernard Westerveld.

Free Reformed Churches of North America: Rev. Lawrence J. Bilkes; Rev. Jerrod Lewis.

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

Korean American Presbyterian Church: Rev. Seon Kim. (Absent on the 12th).

Orthodox Presbyterian Church: Rev. Anthony Curto; Rev. George Knight III; Mr. Mark Bube; Rev. Jack L. Peterson.

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

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

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America: Rev. Bruce Martin; Rev. Matt Kingswood; Rev. Ian Wise; Rev. David Smith (arrived at 4:00 PM)

United Reformed Churches of North America: Rev. John R. Bouwers; Rev. Gary Findley; Rev. Harry Zekveld.

B. Invited Observers:

Canadian Reformed Churches: Rev. Eric Kampen; Rev. Richard Pot; Rev. Andrew Pol; Mr. Jacob Kuik.

Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin): Arrived at 3:00 PM Rev. James Alderman; Rev. Myung Byung Hyan; Rev. Chai Young Park.

Presbyterian Reformed Church: Rev. Timothy Worrell

C. Invited Guests:

Evangelical Presbyterian Church: No reply to invitation

D. Reception of New Churches.

Report on results of members churches voting re: membership of CanRC and PRC (received by letter, e-mail or report) was given by the Secretary as follows:.

ARPC	N/A
ERQ	Yes on CanRC; N/A on PRC
FRCNA	Yes
HRC	Yes
KAPC	N/A
OPC	Yes
PCA	Yes
RCUS	Yes
RPCNA	Yes
URCNA	N/A

The Canadian Reformed Churches were received into membership by the required 2/3 vote of member churches. Mark Bube gave thanks in prayer unto the Lord for the reception of this church.

III. Election of Officers

The following slate of officers were nominated by the Interim Committee and presented to the plenary session

Chairman: Rev. Bernard Westerveld (ERQ)

Vice Chairman: Rev. Lawrence Bilkes (FRCNA)

Secretary: Rev. Ron Potter (RCUS)

Treasurer: Rev. Maynard Koerner (RCUS)

On motion the Council approved the slate of officers recommended by the Interim Committee.

IV. Reports from Member Churches

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

Church	Reporter	Who Prayed
ARPC	Kyle Sims	Harry Zekveld (URCNA)
CanRC	Eric Kampen	Matt Kingswood (RPCNA)

Vice Chairman Lawrence Bilkes assumed the chair.

ERQ:	Bernard Westerveld	John de Witt (ARPC)
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Chairman Westerveld resumed the Chair.

FRCNA	Lawrence Bilkes	Mike McGee (RCUS)
HRC	Mark Kelderman	Craig Higgins (PCA)
KAPC	Seon Kim (verbal only)	Anthony Curto (OPC)
OPC	Anthony Curto	Bruce Martin (RPCNA)
PCA	Roy Taylor	Mark Kelderman (HRC)

Order of the Day was called at 3:35 PM

The Council was called to order at 3:54 PM.

RCUS	Mike McGee	Jerrold Lewis (FRCNA)
RPCNA	Bruce Martin	Andrew Pol (CanRef)
URCNA	John Bouwers	Kyle Sims (ARPC)

V. Reports from Observer Churches.

PRC	Timothy Worrell	Ian Wise (RPCNA)
KPCA (Kosin):	James Alderman	Roy Taylor (PCA)

Moved that NAPARC pay for the evening meal costs of observer churches. Seconded. Carried.

Order of the Day was called at: 5:00 PM

The Chairman read from 1 Peter 3:7 and led in prayer.

At 7:00 PM a lecture entitled: *Jonathan Edwards and His Preaching* was presented by Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary professor Rev. John Carrick (OPC) to the delegates and observers as well as visitors from the community.

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The Council was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 AM. He read Ephesians 4:4-16 and led in prayer.

VI. Adoption of Docket

Moved and seconded to adopt the docket as amended by the Interim Committee. 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 appointment to the Interim Committee. The following were appointed:

ARPC: Kyle Sims; CanRC: Andrew Pol; ERQ: Bernard Westerveld; FRCNA: Jerrod Lewis; HRC: Bartel Elshout; KAPC: Seon Kim; OPC: Mark Bube; PCA: Roy Taylor; RCUS: Ron Potter; RPCNA: Bruce Martin; URCNA: Harry Zekveld.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the 2007 plenary session were declared approved as corrected.

IX. Communications

- A. NAPARC 2008 Delegate and Observer information was received from all the member and observer churches.
- B. Reports were received from the ARPC, ERQ, HRC, OPC, PCA, RCUS, RPCNA, URCNA.
- C. From the General Assembly of the OPC: Approving the reception of the Canadian Reformed Churches and the Presbyterian Reformed Church into NAPARC Membership.
- D. From the General Assembly of the PCA: Approving the reception of the Canadian Reformed Churches and the Presbyterian Reformed Church into NAPARC Membership.
- E. From the Interchurch Relations Committee of the FRCNA: Advising of their delegates and a pending report.

- F. From the Synod of the RCUS: Approving the reception of the HRC, the CanRC and the PRC into NAPARC membership.
- G. E-mail from the Interchurch Relations Committee of the RPCNA advising of delegates and requesting 15 minutes of the Council's time regarding input concerning continuing membership in the National Association of Evangelicals
- H. E-mail from David W. Hall Executive Director of Calvin500 advising of the availability of information re: the *Calvin Quincentenary* and of his willingness to make a brief presentation to NAPARC.

The Chairman invited Rev. David Hall, Director of Calvin500 to address the Council to provide information relative to the *Calvin Quincentenary*, the planned celebration of Calvin's 500th birthday. More information is available at www.Calvin500.org.

The Chair called on Richard Pot to pray for the *Calvin Quincentenary* celebration.

X. Treasurer's Report/Auditors Report

The Treasurer, Rev. Koerner, presented his report. Moved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. Seconded. Carried.

The audit committee verbally reported that the Treasurer's books were found in good order. This report was received on motion.

XI. Interim Committee Report.

The Interim Committee made the following recommendations.

Recommendation #1: To commit to the Web Site Committee and the Secretary whether to take up the matter of using the PCA Historical Centre Server, the matter of storing archives and the matter of making back-up digital copies of NAPARC documents. Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation #2: That David Hall address the plenary session at the call of the chair. Take note for information. (Previously adopted with the adoption of the docket. See IX.H.).

Recommendation #3: That the Secretary's honorarium be set at \$1,500 for the next year and that the Secretary keep track of the time spent on NAPARC business and report this to the Interim Committee in 2009. Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation #4: That the Treasurer's honorarium be set at \$250 . Seconded. Carried.

Recommendation #5: That the ERQ report on the Huguenot exhibit in Quebec City be presented in the plenary session and that permission be given to post pictures. Take note for information. (Previously adopted with the adoption of the docket.)

Recommendation #6: That the RPCNA be granted 15 minutes of Council time to receive input regarding the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) (XIV.A). Take note for information. (Previously adopted with the adoption of the docket.)

Recommendation #7: That the Interim Committee study the matter of NAPARC making unified statements and report to NAPARC 2009.

Moved to place Recommendation #7 on the table (according to Bylaw IV.5). Seconded.
Defeated.

Recommendation #8: That the report of the FRCNA be approved for presentation in the plenary session. Take note for information.

XII. Old Business:

A. Report from NAPARC Web Site Committee.

Mark Bube presented the Web Site report with its two recommendations which were both taken note of for information. It was noted that the Web Site was not presently up and working on the Web. Mr. Bube was to look into this.

The Vice Chairman Lawrence Bilkes (FRCNA) assumed the Chair.

B. ERQ Huguenot Report

Rev. Westerveld (ERQ) reported on the events associated with the Huguenot museum exhibit in Quebec City sponsored by the ERQ which NAPARC in 2007 partially funded. Rev. Westerveld answered questions from Council delegates.

Dr. George Knight III, at the request of the Chair, prayed for this exhibit.

The Chairman resumed the Chair.

The Order of the Day was called at 10:00 AM

The Council was called to order at 10:20 AM.

XIII. Reports on Foreign and Home Missions Consultations.

Mark Bube reported on the Foreign Missions consultation held November 20-21, 2007. The next consultation will be held November 25-26, 2008.

Ian Wise reported on the Home Missions consultation held on Monday evening and Tuesday morning in conjunction with NAPARC. The next meeting will be in January 2010 in Orlando, FL.

XIV. New Business:

A. Request from the RPCNA delegation for 15 minutes of Council time to receive input regarding their involvement with the National Association of Evangelicals.

Dr. Roy Taylor (PCA), Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Evangelicals gave the Council an introduction to the NAE (formed in 1941) for background information.

Rev. Bruce Martin (RPCNA) invited the Council to give further input. Questions were asked and input given.

B. Request from Rev. David Hall to provide information concerning the Calvin Quincentenary.

Rev. Hall addressed the Council earlier in the proceedings at the invitation of the Chairman (IX.H. above).

C. Invitations to other denominations to send observers.

The Interim Committee proposed the following two invitees.

Presbyterian Reformed Church.

Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin).

Moved also to invite the Bible Presbyterian Church to observe NAPARC 2009. Second. Carried.

The Chair granted the floor to Rev. Craig Higgins (PCA) to provide information on *World Reformed Fellowship*.

XV. Arrangements for next (2009) meeting

A. Host: Heritage Reformed Congregations.

B. Place: Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI.

C. Time: November 17th and 18th, 2009.

Moved to suspend Bylaw I.2 and that the Council meet November 17th and 18th, 2009 at 1:30 PM Tuesday to Wednesday at 3:00 PM.

Moved to underwrite the costs of membership dues for the ERQ for 2008-2009 and the cost of sending two ERQ delegates to NAPARC 2009. Seconded. Carried.

XVI. Adjournment.

The Chairman read 1 Peter 3:8-12. Rev. Lawrence Bilkes led in prayer.

Moved to adjourn at 11:42 AM. Second. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Ron Potter Secretary.