

**Minutes
Thirty Ninth Meeting
North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council
Bonclarken Assembly East Flat Rock, NC
November 19th, 2013, 1:30 PM. – November 20th, 2013, 3:00 PM**

Tuesday November 19th, 2013

I. Call to Order

The 39th meeting of NAPARC convened at the ARPC Bonclarken Assembly Grounds, East Flat Rock, NC. The Chairman, Rev. Rob Patrick (ARPC), called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM November 19th, 2013. Rev. Patrick welcomed the delegates, observers and the members of various Interchurch Relations Committees who visited the meeting.

At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Chip Sherer, Director of Bonclarken, welcomed the delegates and observers to the facility.

The Chairman read 2 Timothy 3, led in devotions entitled, *Continue* and in prayer.

II. Roll Call

A. Member Churches:

The Chairman called the roll of delegates. The delegates from each Church were introduced.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC): Rev. Rob Patrick, Rev. Lee Shelnutt, Rev. Tom Shoger, Rev. Matt Lucas.

Canadian Reformed Churches (CANRC): Rev. Peter Holtvlüwer, Rev. Eric Kampen, Mr. Henry VanDelden, Rev. Doug Vandeburgt.

Église réformée du Quebec (ERQ): Rev. Bernard Westerveld, Rev. Winston Bosch.

Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA): Mr. Ed Laman, Rev. K. Gangar, Mr. Hans VanDoodewaard.

Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC): Mr. Herb Krul, Mr. Bruce Kwekel.

Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC): Rev. Steve Park; Rev. James Kim

Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC): Mr. Mark Bube, Rev. George Cottenden, Dr. Anthony Curto, Dr. George W. knight III.

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA): Dr. Roy Taylor, Mr. Robert G. Sproul, Jr., Mr. James C. Richardson.

Presbyterian Reformed Church (PRC): Rev. Michael Ives, Rev. Tim Worrell

Reformed Church in the United States RCUS): Rev. Maynard Koerner, Rev. Wes Brice, Rev. Michael McGee, Rev. Ron Potter.

Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA): Rev. Bruce Martin, Rev. Gerry Milroy, Rev. Matt Kingswood, Rev. Bruce Parnell.

United Reformed Churches of North America (URCNA): Rev. John A Bouwers, Rev. William Van Hal, Rev. Bill Boekestein, Dr. Michael Horton.

B. Invited Observer Churches

Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin): Rev. Young J. Woo, Rev. James Alderman. (Arrived 4:21 PM)

Bible Presbyterian Church: None

Protestant Reformed Church: (E-mail received. Providential circumstances prevented attendance.

C. Invited Guests: (None)

D. Reception of New Churches (None)

III. Election of Officers (Nominations from Interim Committee)

Interim Committee Recommendation #6: That the following slate of officers be presented to the plenary session of the Council.

Chairman: Rev. Peter Holtvlüwer

Vice Chairman: Rev. Bernard Westerveld

Secretary: Rev. Ron Potter

Treasurer: Rev. Maynard Koerner

Seconded. Carried.

Rev. Peter Holtvlüwer assumed the chair and expressed appreciation for the labours of the outgoing Chairman, Rev. Rob Patrick to which the Council readily assented.

The Secretary, at the invitation of the Chair, announced the following break times: Tuesday 3:15 PM to 3:30 PM. Wednesday 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM. The Council will recess Tuesday between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM. A dinner and speech will be held at 6:00PM- 8:00 PM in the Dining Hall. Wednesday the Council will convene at 8:30 AM, and recess for lunch between 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM and adjourn at 3:00 PM.

IV. Reports from Member Churches

Interim Committee Recommendation #1: That the report of the KAPC be approved for presentation to the plenary session of the Council (Bylaws III.2.c). Seconded. Carried.

Church	Reporter	Who Prayed
ARPC	Rob Patrick	Eric Kampen (CanRC)
CanRC	Eric Kampen	Winston Bosch (ERQ)
ERQ	Bernard Westerveld	K. Gangar (FRCNA)
FRCNA	Ed Laman/K. Gangar	Herb Krul (HRC)
HRC	Bruce Kwekel	James Kim (KAPC)

Order of the Day: The Chair called the order of the day at 3:17 PM.

Call to order: The Chair called the Council to order at 3:34 PM

KAPC	Steve Park	George Cottenden (OPC)
OPC	Jack Sawyer	Robert Sproul (PCA)
PCA	Roy Taylor	Tim Worrell (PRC)
PRC	Michael Ives	Maynard Koerner (RCUS)
RCUS	Mike McGee	Jerry Milroy (RPCNA)

The Chairman welcomed the observers from the KPCA.

Order of the Day: The Chair called the order of the day at 5:09 PM.

The Council gathered for a banquet at 6:00 PM in the dining hall along with observers and visitors. Following dinner attendees were addressed by Dr. Mark Ross of Erskine Seminary (ARPC) who spoke from John 17:20 ff. on *The unity of the Church*.

Wednesday November 20th, 2013

Call to order: The Chairman called the Council to order at 8:31 AM

The Chairman led the Council in devotions entitled *Sons of Martha* from Luke 10:38-42 and prayed.

Church reports continued.

Church	Reporter	Who Prayed
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RPCNA Bruce Martin William Van Hal (URCNA)

URCNA Bill Boekestein Tom Shoger (ARPC)

V. Reports from Observer Churches

KPCA Young J. Woo Doug Vandeburgt (CanRC)

VI. Adoption of Docket

Interim Committee Recommendation #7: That the docket for the plenary session of NAPARC be approved. Seconded. Carried.

VII. Election of additional members to the Interim Committee (Bylaws VI)

The following were elected by their delegations to serve on the 2013-2014 Interim Committee of NAPARC. Rev. Rob Patrick (ARPC), Rev. Peter Holtvlüwer (CanRC), Rev. Bernard Westerveld (ERQ), Mr. Ed Laman (FRCNA), Mr. Herb Krul (HRC), Rev. James Kim (KAPC), Mr. Mark Bube (OPC), Dr. Roy Taylor (PCA), Rev. Michael Ives (PRC), Rev. Maynard Koerner (RCUS), Rev. Bruce Martin (RPCNA), Rev. John Bouwers (URCNA).

VIII. Approval of Minutes (2012)

The 2012 Minutes of the plenary session of NAPARC were declared approved as corrected, by the chairman.

IX. Communications:

- A. NAPARC 2013 Delegate and Observer information was received from all churches.
- B. Church Reports for 2013 were received on time (Bylaw III.2.c) from all churches except the KAPC.
- C. Committee Reports were received on time (Bylaw III.2.c) from all Committees.
- D. Correspondence received from the Presbyterian Reformed Church June 1, 2013, expressing concerns re: the reception of the KPCA into NAPARC (Minutes 2012, XIII. A).

Interim Committee Recommendation #2: That the correspondence from the Presbyterian Reformed Church be transmitted to the Interchurch Relations Committee of the KPCA with a request for their comments and clarification. Seconded.

Moved to amend by substitution: That the Council urges the PRC to communicate their concerns directly to the KPCA. Seconded.

Order of the day: The Chair called the order of the day at 10:02 AM;

Call to order: The Chair called the Council to order at 10:17 AM

Vote on substitute motion. Carried.

Vote on substitute motion as main motion: Carried.

- E. Correspondence from the Presbyterian Church in America advising approval of the KPCA membership application (Minutes 2012, XIII. A).
- F. Correspondence from the Reformed Church in the United States advising approval of the KPCA membership application (Minutes 2012, XIII. A).
- G. Correspondence from Mark Bube October 1st, 2013 .re: Foreign Missions Consultation Report.

X. Treasurer's Report/Auditors Report.

The Treasurer, Rev. Maynard Koerner presented his report.

Moved that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Seconded. Carried.

The Auditors report was presented by the Secretary. It was moved and seconded to adopt the Auditors Report. Carried.

XI. Web Site Committee Report

Mr. Mark Bube presented the Web Site Committee Report and discussed the procedures to set up a church locator map. The Chair opened up the meeting for feedback from delegates for 10 minutes. It was moved and seconded to adopt the report. Carried.

Interim Committee Recommendation #3: That the budget request of \$200 for the Web Site Committee be approved. Seconded. Carried.

XII. Interim Committee Report.

The Secretary read the Interim Committee report as follows:

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Interim Committee Recommendation #2: That the correspondence from the Presbyterian Reformed Church be transmitted to the IRC of the KPCA with a request for their comments. Seconded. Carried.

Interim Committee Recommendation #3: That the budget request of \$200 for the Web Site Committee be approved. Seconded. Carried.

Interim Committee Recommendation #4: That the report of the COR be approved for presentation to the plenary session of the Council. Seconded. Carried.

Interim Committee Recommendation #5: That the following churches be invited to observe NAPARC 2014: Bible Presbyterian Church; Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin); Protestant Reformed Churches in North America.

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Seconded. Carried.

Interim Committee Recommendation #7: That the docket of the plenary session of NAPARC be approved. Seconded. Carried.

XIII. Old Business

- A. Membership application of Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Minutes 2012, XIII. A).

Voting results to date:

ARPC

CanRC Approved.

ERQ

FRCNA

HRC

KAPC

OPC

PCA Approved

PRC

RCUS Approved

RPCNA

URCNA

XIV. Reports on Foreign and Home Missions Consultations.

Mr. Mark Bube reported on the Foreign Missions consultation. Moved to receive the report. Seconded. Carried.

XV. New Business

A. Report of the Committee of Review (COR).

Interim Committee Recommendation #4: That the report of the COR be approved for presentation to the plenary session of the Council. Seconded. Carried.

Mr. Mark Bube presented the report of the Committee of Review summarizing its contents and setting forth its recommendations as published in the 2012 COR report..

Re: Recommendation #5 of 2012 report regarding procedures:. Moved that the proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and the proposed amendments to the *Bylaws* each be considered as whole; that the question be divided where any member delegation would like to propose either a further amendment to, or the deletion of, a particular amendment in the final form; that if there is more than one suggested further amendment or deletion, such be taken up *seriatim*; and that following the consideration of all such further amendments and / or deletions, each document (as further amended) be considered as a whole for a second time. Seconded. Carried.

Re: Recommendation #3 of 2012 report. Moved that the Council propose the *Constitutional* amendments to the major assemblies of the member churches for adoption. Seconded.

The Chair called for a two minute recess for delegates to confer.

Roll Call vote:

APRC:	Yes
CanRC	Yes
ERQ	Yes
FRCNA	Yes
HRC	Yes
KAPC	Yes
OPC	Yes
PCA	Yes
PRC	Yes
RCUS	Yes
RPCNA	Yes
URCNA	Yes

Motion Carried

Re. recommendation #4 of 2012 report regarding adoption of *Bylaws*:. Moved that the proposed *Bylaws* be adopted. Seconded.

Proposal from the floor taken over by the Committee concerning *Bylaw* VI.4.n:. . . “in the event an Officer of the Council becomes incapacitated or is otherwise unable or unwilling to continue to serve, appoint a minister or elder (or a member of the interchurch relations committee who has been previously ordained as an elder) of a Member Church to perform the functions of that office on an interim basis (until such time as the Interim Committee determines the Officer is able to resume his duties)”.

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Moved to amend *Bylaw* I.1. by inserting, in the third line, the word *devotional* between *public* and *service* and strike . . . *for the worship of God*. Seconded.

The Chair called for a one minute recess for delegates to confer.

Roll Call Vote:

APRC:	Yes
CanRC	Yes
ERQ	Yes
FRCNA	Yes
HRC	Yes
KAPC	Yes
OPC	Yes
PCA	Abstain
PRC	Yes
RCUS	Yes
RPCNA	Yes
URCNA	Yes

Motion Carried.

Bylaw I.1. now reads in the second sentence: "On the Tuesday evening, there will ordinarily be a public devotional service . . ."

Moved to amend VIII.2.a.(1): Insert after *meals* and before *during* the following . . .
.arranged by the host member church. Seconded. Carried.

Bylaw VIII.2.a (1) now reads: all food consumed by Delegates, Official Observers, Other Guests, and their spouses at the mid-day and evening meals arranged by the host member church during the meetings of the Council; . . .

Moved to add to end of VIII. 2.a.(2) *when they are not delegates.* Seconded.

The Chair called for a one minute recess for delegates to confer.

Roll call vote.

APRC:	No
CanRC	Yes
ERQ	Yes
FRCNA	Yes
HRC	Yes
KAPC	Yes
OPC	Yes
PCA	Yes
PRC	No
RCUS	Yes
RPCNA	No
URCNA	No

Motion carried.

Bylaw VIII.2.a.(2) now reads: costs of travel and accommodations for the Secretary and the Treasurer when they are not delegates.

Vote on main motion Recommendation #4 as amended.

The Chair called for a one minute recess for delegates to confer.

Roll call vote.

APRC:	Yes
CanRC	Yes
ERQ	Yes
FRCNA	Yes
HRC	Yes
KAPC	Yes
OPC	Yes
PCA	Yes
PRC	Yes
RCUS	Yes
RPCNA	Yes
URCNA	Yes

Motion Carried.

Re: Recommendation #6 - 2012 report. Moved that the informational documents be approved. Seconded.

After discussion the Council expressed general consent to correct a missing element in Informational Document IX.2 (Suggested Form for Member Church Reports, 2013 Docket page #72)) by taking the following line from *World Missions Activity*: "Specific opportunities for cooperation with other NAPARC churches" and adding it to *Home (or North American) Missions Activity*.

Motion Carried.

B. Invitations to other denominations to send observers to NAPARC 2014

Interim Committee Recommendation #5: That the following churches be invited to observe NAPARC 2014: Bible Presbyterian Church; Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin); Protestant Reformed Churches in North America. Seconded. Carried.

Moved that the Interim Committee be authorized to establish a budget for the coming year (2013-2014) with dues not to exceed \$500 per church and to increase the Secretary's honorarium as appropriate. Seconded. Carried.

Appreciation was expressed by Michael Ives for the hospitality of the host Church to which the Council gave ready assent by applause.

XVI. Arrangements for next (2014) meeting

A. Host: Canadian Reformed Churches (2011 Minutes p.27; XVI. Rec.#12)

B. Place: Hamilton, ON

C. Time: *November 11-13, 2014

*(Note: This date differs from the Interim Committee Minutes as a result of newly adopted Bylaws above.)

Rev. Ben Westerveld, the Vice Chairman, led the body in closing devotions from 2 Timothy 1:6-7 and led in closing prayer.

XVII. Adjournment.

Moved to adjourn. Seconded. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Ron Potter (RCUS)
Secretary.