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RULES OF ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE 48th GENERAL ASSEMBLY** **2021**

ITEM 1. Amend **RAO 8-4.i** (last two sentences) as follows (proposed additions underlined):

RAO 8-4.i

...The deadline for these nominations is the close of the afternoon session of the first full day of the Assembly. The Clerk's office shall issue a supplement to the Assembly's Nominating Committee report during the second full day's business sessions.

[Editorial Note: This amendment was proposed by the Administrative Committee (AC Recommendation 48).]

ITEM 2. Amend **RAO 9-3** by deleting the current paragraph and replacing with a new paragraph as follows (strike-through for deletion and underlining for new paragraph):

~~**RAO 9-3.** Only two (2) ad interim study committees may be appointed or continued in any given year, (with no committee continuing with undesignated Administrative Committee funding beyond the third year of its inception and no more than two [2] committees existing in any one [1] year), and any additional committees would have to be approved by a two-thirds vote of commissioners, with financing provided from outside the Administrative Committee budget.~~

Proposed replacement paragraph (Overture Committee's amendment to the Overture's proposed revision):

RAO 9-3. Only two (2) ad interim committees may be appointed or continued in any given year, unless additional ones are approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly.

Funds for ad interim committees will ordinarily be administered by the Administrative Committee, with contributions to the AC being designated for a particular ad interim committee. Any motion to task the Administrative Committee with the funding of an ad interim committee through undesignated giving would require the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly as an amendment to the AC budget (per RAO 4-11).

Any overture proposing an ad interim committee should ordinarily include a plan for how sufficient, designated funds for the ad interim committee will be raised. Funding should not be the burden primarily of the

members of the ad interim committee or the AC, but of those requesting the ad interim committee. Permanent Committees and Agencies of the PCA may grant monies toward the funding of an ad interim committee.

[Editorial Note: This amendment as originally worded was proposed by Overture 17 to the 48th GA. The original wording was amended by the Overtures Committee, and the *BCO* amendment as amended was adopted by the Assembly.]

ITEM 3. Amend *RAO 13-2* by adding one word (underlined) to the first sentence as follows:

RAO 13-2 New business must be presented to the General Assembly before the recess of the afternoon session on the first full day of business, and if it was not first presented as an overture to a Presbytery, the proposal must include an explanation for why it was not. . . .

[Editorial Note: This amendment was proposed by the Administrative Committee (AC Recommendation 49).]

ITEM 4. Amend *RAO 15-6.s.2 and 3* (strike-through for deletions; underlining for new wording):

RAO 15-6

s. Minority Reports.

- 1) With respect to any recommendation, prior to a recess or adjournment of the Overtures Committee following the adoption of said recommendation, any member of the committee may indicate an intention to file a minority report by giving notice to the chairman.
- 2) Written notice of intent to file a minority report, ~~signed by at least three teaching elder members of the committee and three ruling elder members of the committee,~~ signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the total number of votes cast on the applicable item by members of the committee of whom at least 4% of such total votes cast must be teaching elders and at least 4% of such total votes cast must be ruling elders, must be delivered to the Office of the Stated Clerk within one hour of any recess or adjournment following the adoption of said recommendation. The Office of the Stated Clerk shall inform the chairman of the Overtures Committee of such notice as soon as practicable.
- 3) The printed minority report, ~~signed by at least three teaching elder members of the committee and three ruling elder members of the committee,~~ signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the total number of votes cast on the applicable item by members of the committee of whom at least 4% of such total votes cast must be teaching elders and at least 4% of such total votes cast must be ruling elders, must be presented to the chairman of the committee as soon as practicable,

but in no case less than fifteen (15) minutes before the recommendation in question is brought to the floor.

[Editorial Note: This amendment as originally worded was proposed by Overture 9 to the 48th GA. The original wording was amended by the Overtures Committee, and the Overture as amended was adopted by the Assembly.]

ITEM 5. Amend *RAO 16-4.c.1(1)* to add “and their status” after “with their addresses” in reference to the current Presbytery directory (added phrase underlined):

RAO 16-4.c.1

- c. In addition to the minutes themselves, the presbytery shall submit three (3) copies of the following items:
- 1) A current Directory of Presbytery, including (1) a list of all teaching elders, with their addresses and their status; and of all churches and missions with the address of the church, and the name and address of the Clerk of Session, (2) a listing of all officers and committee members of the regular committees of presbytery, and (3) a list identifying all candidates under care, interns, and licentiates of the presbytery with their addresses and their status.

Rationale: If the status is not present, there is no way to determine whether annual reports were received for teaching elders without call or laboring out of bounds.

[Editorial Note: This amendment was proposed by the Committee on Review of Presbytery Records as recommendation V. 20.]