

## Secretary's Report – Tom Loughrey

### Motion to Amend Rule

#### **Rule G-9.12.7. Length of Campaigns and Financial Support for President and Moderator.**

- a. Campaigns for President and Moderator may appropriately begin with small campaign committee organizational meetings and mass mailing letters no earlier than November 1 of the second year preceding the election.
- b. Active campaigning and solicitation of endorsements shall not begin prior to January 1 of the year preceding these elections.
- c. No electioneering (defined as publicly announced meetings, rallies or exploratory events) of any sort shall occur at the General Assembly two years preceding the elections for President and Moderator. Private meetings about campaign organization that take place outside of General Assembly-booked meeting spaces are permissible.
- d. Candidates for President or Moderator who have been duly nominated in accordance with Section 9.5 or Section 9.6 of the bylaws shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Association for reasonable expenses for registration, travel, meals and lodging for attending the General Assemblies held one year prior to the election and in the year of the election, and for regular meetings of the Board of Trustees held during the period between the two General Assemblies, provided they remain candidates as of the time of the General Assembly(ies) and the quarterly meeting(s) for which they seek reimbursement. Each such candidate shall be provided a single booth space in the Exhibit Hall at the General Assemblies held one year prior to the election and in the year of the election. In no case is a candidate eligible for reimbursement for expenses incurred prior to being nominated.

### Change in Online Software for Future Board Calls

We have been using WebEx for nearly two years for our online calls. At virtually every call we experienced difficulty for some or many to be able to easily participate in the calls. As a result Mark Steinwinter is setting up a new service, AnyMeeting, to use for future calls. Our next call is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> and I will arrange a test call in advance for any who want to “road-test” the service. I also understand that, unlike WebEx, this service will run on iPads and Android Tablets. It will also be available to committees and working groups allowing the chair to be on using their own name (as opposed to posing as me!).

### Timeline for Moderator/President/Trustee/ Financial Advisor Nominations, Campaigns and Elections

I have developed a timeline of significant dates related to nominations, campaigns and elections through 2013. Much is going to change and it may be helpful to have a sense of these dates in the calendar. Please see the full timeline on the following page:

## Moderator/President/Trustee/Financial Advisor Key Dates Timeline

Date	Action
February 1, 2012	Board must announce one or more candidates and publish their names for moderator. Bylaws Sec. 9.5
March 1, 2012	Persons may submit petitions for candidacy for both president and moderator beginning this date through February 1, 2013. Bylaws Sec 9.6
June 22, 2012	Campaign Forum at GA 2012 in Phoenix. ECP is responsible for conducting this forum.
August 1, 2012	On or before August 1 of each year, the Nominating Committee shall notify all certified member congregations in writing of the elective positions at large and vacancies to be filled at the next regular General Assembly. Bylaws Sec. 9.3
October 1, 2012	Opening date to file petition for all other elected positions. Bylaws Sec 9.6(b)
October 31, 2012	The Board shall appoint four current members of the Board to two year terms commencing with the close of GA 2013. No member whose service began prior to June 2009 shall be eligible.
December 10, 2012	The Nominating Committee shall submit one or more nominations for each elective position at large to be filled, except Moderator and President. The report shall be submitted to the Secretary and mailed to each congregation. Bylaws Sec. 9.4. Note: The Nominating Committee shall nominate five members to the Presidential Search Committee by this date. Two additional members must be appointed by the Board no later than the election of the nominated members. The Presidential Search Committee nominates two persons for election at GA 2017. Bylaws Sec. 5.7
February 1, 2013	Deadline to submit petitions for president and moderator and other elected positions.
June 2013	Elections for president (four year term and not eligible for nomination in 2017), moderator (six year term), financial advisor (three year term), seven at-large trustees (four for one year terms and three for three year terms), three members of the 2017 Presidential Search Committee and other elective positions to committees. Appointment of two members of the Presidential Search Committee must be completed by this time.
Close of GA 2013	All persons elected at this GA take office at close of GA with the exception of president and moderator who takes office immediately following election and qualification. The Secretary interprets "qualification" to mean introduction to the delegates and public acceptance of the position.
August 1, 2013	Nominating Committee notifies congregations of trustee terms expiring in June 2014 (four positions)
October 1, 2013	Persons running for positions may submit petitions on this date.
December 10, 2013	Nominating Committee issues its report of trustee nominations.
February 1, 2014	Deadline to submit petitions for trustee nomination at GA 2014.