

Strategy & Planning Subcommittee Report and Recommendations

The S&P Subcommittee recommends the following changes to Homestead Presbytery's bylaws (additions in **bold**; deletions with ~~striketrough~~):

Recommendation 1 (to replace Article V.A-G):

ARTICLE V - PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES/UNITS

- A. Homestead Presbytery may create committees, commissions and/or task forces as needed to accomplish its stated mission goals. These presbytery units shall meet the requirements of G-9.0500 of the *Form of Government*. Presbytery units shall ordinarily consist of **elders** and ministers of the **Word and Sacrament** elected to three year terms and arranged in classes, with one class retiring each year. Members may serve a maximum of six consecutive years on any particular unit and shall not be re-elected to that particular unit until one year has passed.
- ~~B. Membership on presbytery council, or the committees, commissions, and/or task forces of the presbytery shall have as nearly as possible fair representation of male and female ministers of the Word and Sacrament, male and female laity, racial and/or ethnic categories, and generations.~~
- C. All committees/units of the presbytery shall meet quarterly, or as needed, and report activities and actions to the presbytery. A quorum for a meeting of any presbytery unit is that established in (*RONR*). Each presbytery unit shall name from among its members a vice moderator d a secretary.
- D. Any member of presbytery council, or the committees, commissions, or task forces who miss three meetings in a twelve-month period may be requested to resign. Any presbytery unit may recommend to the presbytery that persons not attending meetings be removed from that office.
- ~~E. E. Any unit of the presbytery may co-opt additional members for special responsibilities, making sure that fair representation is taken into consideration.~~
- ~~F. F. Each presbytery unit shall avail itself of the resources of the PCUSA and denominations that are in correspondence with the PCUSA.~~
- G. G. There shall be the following standing committees, one board, and one commission:
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| 1. Presbytery Council | 7. Self-Development of People |
| 2. Committee on Representation | 8. Calvin Crest Camp & Conf. Center Board |
| 3. Committee on Ministry | 9. Clergy Family Committee |
| 4. Committee on Preparation for Ministry | 10. Congregational Development |
| 5. Nominating Committee | 11. Congregational Outreach |
| 6. Permanent Judicial Commission | 12. Education and Leader Development |
- H. These are the standing committees of Homestead Presbytery:
- i. **Presbytery Council**
 - ii. **Committee on Ministry**
 - iii. **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**
 - iv. **Nominating Committee/Committee on Representation**
 - v. **Permanent Judicial Commission**
 - vi. **Budget and Business**

- vii. Personnel
- viii. Program/Grant
 - 1. Ministry & Mission Groups (e.g., Education & Leadership Development, Stewardship/Social Justice/Mission, Congregational Development, Communication, etc.)

Descriptions of committees would remain the same for the remaining committees. Descriptions for Nominating and Committee on Representation will simply be combined.

A description of the Program/Grant Committee would read thus (in Article V, alongside other committees):

PROGRAM/GRANT COMMITTEE

- A. Membership shall be as follows: six people in three rotating classes of two. One shall be moderator, nominated by the Council and elected by the presbytery, and one shall be secretary.**
- B. Responsibilities**
 - a. The Program/Grant Committee may appoint Ministry & Mission task groups (M&Ms) for specific program tasks. M&Ms may be allotted a budget through the Program/Grant Committee funds or may request reimbursements. An M&M may have an indefinite life, but must be re-authorized each year. Membership in an M&M Task Group shall be appointed by the Program/Grant Committee.**
 - b. The Program/Grant Committee, in conjunction with the Budget and Business Committee, shall establish categories of funds available for individuals, congregations, task forces, commissions, and committees, a fair application process, and stipulations for awarding of funds. Some categories might include leader development, evangelism, mission, and small church assistance.**
 - c. The Program/Grant Committee shall evaluate grant applications and make recommendations to Council, who will then act on those recommendations.**

Recommendation 2 (to replace V.1.A. and V.1.C.):

1. PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

A. Membership

Council membership shall be as follows:

- A. Presbytery vice moderator/Council moderator (*ex officio*)**
- B. Presbytery moderator (*ex officio*)**
- C. Immediate past moderator**
- D. Moderators of standing committees**
 - a. COM**
 - b. CPM**
 - c. COR/Nominating**
 - d. Business & Budget**
 - e. Program/Grant Committee**
 - f. Personnel**
- E. Stated clerk/clerk of Council (*ex officio*, voice, no vote)**
- F. Executive presbyter (*ex officio*, voice, no vote)**
- G. Three at large members**

C. Meetings

Meetings of Council shall occur at least two weeks before presbytery assemblies. A quorum shall be 25% of the Council membership.

Recommendation 3 (to replace Article II.A.1-4):

ARTICLE II - STATED MEETINGS

A. The stated meetings of the presbytery ~~shall~~ **will ordinarily** be held on the following dates and with the following stipulations, **as established by Council:** [8/15/02]

1. Third Saturday in February (winter) at 10:00 a.m. near the geographical center of the population of presbytery
2. Third Thursday in May (spring) at 10:00 a.m.
3. Third Thursday in August (summer) at 4:00 p.m.
4. Third Thursday in November (fall) at 10:00 a.m., **ordinarily at Calvin Crest**