MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
October 24-26, 2016
Presbyterian Center – Louisville, KY

Monday, October 24, 2016
The meeting of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) was convened in Conference Room A/B at the Presbyterian Center, at 2:10 p.m. by COGA Moderator, Barbara Gaddis. Carol McDonald led the opening worship.

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

The following persons present for all or part of the conference call were:

COGA Members:
Gaddis, Barbara – COGA Moderator
Kennedy, Wilson – COGA Vice Moderator
Lemuel Garcia-Arroyo
Kathy Matsushima
Carol McDonald
Marcia Mount Shoop
Alejandra Spir-Haddad
Denise Anderson
Marsha Zell Anson
Stephanie Anthony
Mark Boyd
Margaret Elliott
Lynn Hargrove
Andy James
Eliana Maxim
J. Herbert Nelson – Ex-Officio
Tony De La Rosa – Ex-Officio

Excused:
Leon Lovell-Martin
Jan Edmiston

OGA Staff:
Tom Hay
Toya Richards
Cora Brown
Joyce Lieberman
Robina Winbush
Angela Stevens
Kerry Rice
Beth Hessel
John Wood
Takiyah Cuyler
Tom Hay introduced Office of the General Assembly staff who are part of the COGA meeting planning team: Deb Davies, Kay Moore, Norma Thieman, and Andrew Yeager-Buckley.

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly reviewed the proposed meeting agenda, and –

**VOTED** to approve the proposed agenda, as presented at today’s meeting.

COGA moderator, Barbara Gaddis opened the discussion of the debrief of the 222nd General Assembly (2016).

OGA director of Church Wide Ministries, Tom Hay, presented an overview of the results of the General Assembly survey distributed to participants of the 222nd General Assembly (2016). The survey brought in a high response rate.

In 2014, 66% of the respondents were somewhat satisfied with performance of the General Assembly website, [www.pc-biz.org](http://www.pc-biz.org). In 2016, 62% were very satisfied with 33% satisfied. Office of the General Assembly’s (OGA) manager of technology, Vicente Guña, made a significant difference in the way the OGA planned for the technology needs of the 222nd General Assembly, which led to much greater success in how the meeting functioned.

Worship at General Assembly was well attended and a high percentage of the respondents preferred to attend worship in plenary hall. 60% enjoyed communion at each worship service.

86% of respondents believed that the Co-Moderators of the General Assembly were effective at managing the meetings. 63% of respondents stated that it was great to have Co-Moderators, with 37% stating that it doesn’t make a difference.

52% of the respondents felt that including bible study during committee sessions helped the committee bond. 32% agreed that it helped them to prepare for the work before them. 16% did feel that it was a distraction.

**General Assembly Observations of GA Experienced by COGA**

Where it shined

- Impressed with Middle East Issues committee. They addressed the work with care and listened to each other. They stayed on topic and people were well informed.
- Young people in committee; and the great reception of the young people in committees.
- Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) leadership should be commended for their work in orienting the YAAD’s.
- Local transportation was excellent.
Opportunities for Improvement

- During plenary, it took too long to get to committee business.
- There was only one way for the commissioners to leave plenary hall, which was crowded and it took a long time to leave.
- Restaurants at hotels closed early, which made debriefing difficult.

Experience as COGA Members

- Not much direction as to their responsibilities at GA. What were they supposed to do during time with committees?
- Didn’t know they could attend training for resource people.
- Who decides who does what?
- Torn between booth set-up and break-down.
- Need more information about GA assignments.
- Didn’t know about COGA table in GA office in the back
- COGA gathered as a committee more than in previous assemblies.
- Suggest COGA arrive one day earlier to gather before activities begin. This will give COGA members a chance to get acclimated to the GA site and meeting locations.
- Co-Moderator - Grateful for support of Stated Clerk and OGA staff.
- Co-Moderator Booth – It was a good experience since the candidates had surrogates. But there was not much time to prepare.
- Riverside Conversations were tiring for Moderator candidates in previous general assemblies.
- Didn’t feel that those manning the exhibit booth knew about events. It was suggested that a training session be scheduled to help those working the booth will know where events would be taking place.
- Concern about deadline for concurrences & overtures – could a reminder be sent to presbyteries for deadlines in order to avoid missing deadlines and business not going to the GA?

Wilson Kennedy reviewed the working groups that will be addressing General Assembly items that have been referred to COGA, as well as other items requiring COGA’s action/counsel:

1) GA Meeting; Items 03-01 and 03-03 – Concerning YAADS
   a. Carol McDonald
   b. Mark Boyd
   c. Denise Anderson
   d. Kathy Matsushima
   e. Staff: Tom Hay

WORKING GROUP
2) Statistics Report 03-02
   a. Barbara Gaddis
   b. Andy James
   c. Leon Lovell-Martin
   d. Marcia Mount Shoop
   e. Staff: Kris Valerius

3) OGA Review Compliance; Puerto Rico; Joint OGA/PMA Collaboration
   a. Wilson Kennedy
   b. Marsha Zell Anson
   c. Stephanie Anthony
   d. Eliana Maxim
   e. Staff: J. Herbert & Angie Stevens; Cora Brown

4) 06-09 Ruling Elder
   a. Margaret Elliott
   b. Lynn Hargrove
   c. Lemuel Garcia-Arroyo
   d. Alejandra Spir-Haddad

COGA gathered for dinner and fellowship at Ward 426 in Louisville, Kentucky. Margaret Elliott led the blessing of the meal.  

DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP

COGA recessed for the evening at 8:00 p.m.  

EVENING RECESS

Tuesday October 25, 2016

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly reconvened at 9:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria at the Presbyterian Center. Kathy Matsushima led opening worship.

RECONVENE AND PRAYER

Tom Hay shared statistics on how time was spent during the 222nd General Assembly (2016).

222ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2016) DEBRIEF (Continued)

COGA Vice-Moderator, Wilson Kennedy, provided an overview of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) Board Meeting, which took place in September, 2016.

PMA BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The PMA Board has changed the way their meetings have been conducted. The board has been divided into ministerial teams to address immediate issues to better support the work of the PMA.

Wilson Kennedy is vice-chair of the group to address OGA/PMA collaboration. He learned more about the administrative relationship between OGA and PMA, which will also be address by the COGA working group convened by Wilson Kennedy. This is an exciting opportunity for the church to see that there is collaboration and cooperation happening.
There is a recommendation for COGA to meet concurrently with the PMA Board in March, 2017, to share joint time with our colleagues in the PMA Board, and to celebrate working together and identify more ways to work together.

This history of the relationship between OGA and PMA is more than just the past few years. Some people may have that history, but many people don’t. It would be helpful to have more context for COGA members to get a better understanding of that history.

Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, J. Herbert Nelson, shared that there is a deep-seeded history. One of the great challenges is to try and figure out a way forward, giving up the past feelings and hurt in order to move forward. At the end of the day, people in congregations do not differentiate PMA and OGA.

Some of this work has begun. The reality is that we have a serious crisis in Louisville that needs to be repaired. And the only way that can be done is together. The Stated Clerk is committed to making that happen.

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly reviewed the GA Actions that have been referred to COGA:

- Item 03-01 #2 – COGA to change how oral presentations at committees during General Assembly
- Item 03-02 – Statistics
- Item 03-03 – How we use time leading up to GA to get commissioners ready. Our models may need to be updated – what would it mean for committees to engage in business prior to General Assembly?
- Item 04-12 – OGA Review Report
- Item 06-09 – Ruling Elders
- Item 10 - New Business – Committee reviewing agency minutes. Standing rules say they are to be in written form and to present original copy of minutes. In this day and age, is that the best way to review minutes? COGA to consider if that needs to be changed.
- 11-03 #5 – How do we engage in something other than meetings during General Assembly?
- 11/24 – Churchwide conversation on race – OGA to study different models of discernment to make sure all voices are heard.

COGA convened in working groups at 11:00 a.m. in assigned meeting spaces.

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly gathered for lunch with OGA staff in the open area of the OGA office at the Presbyterian Center. ?? led the blessing of the meal.
COGA reconvened in plenary at 1:30 p.m.

**GA Meeting Working Group**
Tom Hay reviewed General Assembly (GA) Item 03-01, Recommendation 2, which was referred to COGA by the 222nd General Assembly (2016). Item 03-01 seeks to amend Standing Rule E.2.f., to give the opportunity for other experts to speak during committee sessions.

The working group has proposed that COGA approve the following amendment to Standing Rule E.2.f.3 to be referred to the 223rd General Assembly (2018) for action (added text is in *italics*).

> (3) Persons with special expertise, including elected members or staff members of General Assembly entities; *When such experts advocating a particular point of view have spoken to the committee, the committee moderator shall offer to the committee the opportunity to hear from experts advocating a different point of view.*

A motion was heard to vote on the recommended amendment to Standing Rule E.2.f.3 for referral to the 223rd General Assembly (2018).

**VOTED to approve – 5 to 4**

Kathy Matsushima reviewed GA Item 03-03, which was referred to COGA to identify ways to empower GA commissioners to prepare as a committee prior to the General Assembly.

The working group will work with GA Meeting Services to create a questionnaire seeking input from commissioners regarding preparation for committee work at the General Assembly.

**Statistics Working Group**
Marcia Mount Shoop reported that the working group reviewed the work that COGA has done in the past regarding the statistical instrument. The working group will focus on the content of the statistical instrument, how it is administered, and how to effectively connect with people tasked to complete the statistical instrument.

The working group will provide an update at the spring 2017 COGA meeting.

**Working Group 06-09**
The working group presented COGA with a recommendation to be considered for referral to the 223rd General Assembly (2018) (APPENDIX).

> 1) Urge that all congregational nominating committees give full consideration to the gifts of all members consistent with the principles that “the Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A) seeks ... a new openness in its own membership, becoming in fact as well as in faith a community of women and men of all ages, races, ethnicities, and worldly conditions, made one in Christ by the power of the Spirit, as a visible sign of the new humanity” (F-1.0404) and that “active members participate in the governance of the church and may be elected to ordered ministry.” (G-1.0402)

2) When nominating committees are considering individuals for service to higher councils, special consideration should be given to youth and young adults, new immigrants and those who are racial ethnic, consistent with the principles named in F-1.0404.

3) Direct the Stated Clerk, through electronic means, to communicate paragraphs 1 and 2 of this action to the whole church.

The use of the phrase, “those who are racial ethnic,” was concerning to many COGA members. Molly Casteel, OGA’s manager for equity and representation, recommended that the words be replaced by, “persons from minoritized racial groups.”

A motion to vote was heard and seconded.

Further discussion brought a recommendation to change the language in item 2 to “historically underrepresented” in place of “racial ethnic.” COGA members collectively agreed to the proposed change.

Therefore, the item is recommended to be amended as follows:

2) When nominating committees are considering individuals for service to higher councils, special consideration should be given to youth and young adults, new immigrants and those who are racial ethnic, those from historically underrepresented groups, consistent with the principles named in F-1.0404.

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly –

**VOTED** to approve the response to item 06-09 from the 222nd General Assembly (2016) for referral to the 223rd General Assembly (2018), as amended.

**Working Group – OGA Review**

Wilson Kennedy presented an overview of the recommendations made by the OGA Review committee that require COGA’s action. The working group identified ways that OGA and PMA
are currently working collaboratively, including finance, human resources and administrative services.

COGA has been invited to meet concurrently with PMA in March 2017, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This could offer an opportunity to celebrate shared relationships in ministry, engage in conversations on what it means to be part of a national body, and learn more about the Presbyterian History of Puerto Rico. COGA will discuss and vote on this invitation in a later plenary session.

This working group plans to meet with PMA Board’s PMA/OGA Ministerial Team to identify ways that PMA and OGA work collaboratively and future opportunities for joint work and ministry.

The working group will provide an update at the spring 2017 meeting.

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly welcomed Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Right Reverend Russell Barr.

Right Rev. Barr offered greetings to COGA, and introduced his delegation to the committee. They are looking forward to spending time with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Co-Moderator Denise Anderson presented a gift to Right Rev. Barr on behalf of the Office of the General Assembly.

Right Rev. Barr shared concerns within the church, which included the age profiles of congregations, as well as the conditions and locations of buildings. The Church of Scotland is also exploring ways to attract people to ministry in the church, and to address sexuality and its role in the Church of Scotland.

Outside of the church, the environment, issues of poverty, food scarcity, and Israel and Palestine at the forefront of their concerns.

Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016), Denise Anderson, expressed her gratitude to serve in this role. Many contentions seem to have quieted with the past general assembly. When the PCUSA adopted to the Belhar Confession, we are called to see each other as equals.

She is honored to have been elected Co-Moderator as the first Moderatorial team that are women at a time when the PC(USA) celebrates the 60th anniversary of the ordination of women.

Denise expressed the support of OGA staff. Denise and Jan have both
already traveled to many events, meetings and congregations within the denomination.

The Co-Moderators worked with former Moderator Heath Rada and Vice-Moderator Larissa Kwong Abazia to select members of the Way Forward Commission; and the Co-Moderators worked together to select the Vision 20/20 Committee.

Denise and Jan have been encouraging people to read books to begin conversations on race. The meeting attendees have offered a copy of Debby Irving’s “Waking Up White.”

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly heard from John Wood, who presented the OGA Budget report (Appendix). The report estimates that OGA should finish 2016 on or under budget. OGA has a strong cash position at 200% of the required reserve. However, there will be a decline in the reserve balance due to projected reductions in membership.

The finances are forecasted to be beyond the required reserved through 2020 without any necessary actions. In order to make up the difference, the following will be needed: Stabilizing Membership, the approved increase in the Per Capita rate, and further budget reductions.

As of August 2016, 2015 Per Capita $1,366,000 remains uncollected. The current provision is $1,132,000. An additional write-off in the amount of $234,000 will be needed.

COGA has been asked to approve the write-off the uncollected Per Capita for 2015 in the amount of $1,366,000 and –

**VOTED** to approve the write-off of uncollected funds, as presented.

The Board of Pensions has been working on how to revise budget and pension benefits. The Office of the General Assembly has decided to change the benefit packages for OGA staff, which will see the following financial changes:

- **403B Plan** – The lay equivalency benefit will now include non-exempt OGA staff. The benefit is 4% of employee’s salary.
- **Vacation** – The vacation plan for non-exempt staff has been improved.
COGA heard from vice-chair of the Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) board, Sherry Jones. Sherry travels to congregations and events to inform members and participants about the importance of PHS. COGA members and meeting participants were given an issue of the *Presbyterian Heritage*.

PHS executive director, Beth Hessel, provided an update of PHS’s progress in relation to its strategic plan (Appendix ). Actions plans for 2017 have been created, which will be presented to the PHS Board for review.

The goals for PHS include engaging in robust fundraising, communicate the PHS mission to internal and external audiences, resource development, relationship building, and maintaining the highly-skilled staff and state-of-the-art facilities.

Tom Hay reviewed an action item for COGA’s consideration (Appendix) for the election of Assistant Stated Clerk.

The following OGA staff members are up for re-election to a four-year term:
- SanDawna Ashley
- Tim Cargal
- Melissa G. Davis
- John Wood
- Nancy Taylor

A motion was heard and seconded.

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly –

**VOTED** to approve the re-election of the above Assistant Stated Clerks, as presented.

Big Tent is scheduled to take place July 6-8, 2017 at Washington University in St Louis, Mo. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly will partner with the visioning committee that they will partner with him to engage with the community in St. Louis.

COGA members are encouraged to attend, but will not have any specific duties during the event.

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly heard from Interim Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA), Tony De La Rosa. He highlighted the PMA Board’s efforts to explore new ways that OGA and PMA could work together in the future.

The PMA Board plans to visit congregations and points of mission to better inform the work of the PMA Board’s strategic teams.
Tony expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to work closely with the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

Tony was asked about plans to arrange for worship during the PMA Board’s meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. A search is being conducted to identify potential locations for open worship.

Tom Hay reviewed the proposed future meeting dates (Appendix). In consideration of the proposed March 2017 meeting in Puerto Rico, Deb Davies traveled to Puerto Rico to determine the feasibility and cost of holding the meeting at that time. A location in Old San Juan has been identified for lodging, as well as a nearby church for COGA meetings within walking distance of the hotel.

The purpose of holding the meetings in Puerto Rico is to better serve a part of the denomination that continues to experience an economic crisis, and has historically been underserved and obligated to travel for denominational events and meetings.

The spring 2017 COGA meeting is currently scheduled to take place March 6-8, 2017. The PMA Board meeting has been schedule for March 22-24, 2017. If COGA approves to change the venue of the meeting, the dates would need to be changed to coincide with the PMA Board meeting.

OGA directors and COGA support staff would travel for the meeting, as well as other staff members who work with COGA on working groups. However, there would be an option for those staff members to participate remotely.

A recommendation was heard to plan for the COGA meeting to take place March 21-23, 2017, in Old San Juan; making sure that part of the meeting will be planned outside of meeting room walls, as well as planning joint time with the PMA Board. Travel days would be Monday, March 20 and Friday, March 24.

A motion was heard and seconded.

To save costs, it has been proposed that people could share hotel rooms, if they wish to do so.

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**VOTED** to approve (with 1 NO VOTE) the spring 2017 COGA meeting to take place March 21-23, 2017, in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The October 2017 COGA meeting was discussed to determine the best date for COGA members and staff. This meeting will include joint sessions with the PHS Board. Beth Hessel advised that several PHS staff members will not be available in early-mid October.
It was suggested that the COGA Coordinating Committee meet to identify the best date for the fall 2017 meeting.

A motion was heard and seconded.

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly -

**VOTED** to approve the COGA Coordinating Committee to explore meeting dates for fall 2017, as well as the location. An announcement will be sent to COGA and OGA staff once the meeting date has been determined.

**PHS Board**  
Margaret Elliott has not yet attended a PHS Board meeting. She will report to COGA at the next meeting.

**PMA Audit Committee**  
Stephanie Anthony reported that the committee PMA Audit committee did meet, however the committee did not have access to the resources they needed due to a scheduling change in relation to the PMA Board meeting. She will have more information at the next COGA meeting.

**General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations (GACEIR)**  
Kathy Matsushima met with the GACEIR October 17-19, 2017. The committee welcomed 7 new members, but quickly engaged in dialog on how to support ecumenical and interreligious work in our congregations, as well as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

**REPORTS FROM COGA MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF COGA**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly convened in Executive Session at 5:10 p.m.

**DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP**  
The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly gathered at 6:10 p.m. for dinner and fellowship at Hillbilly Tea. Lemuel Garcia-Arroyo led the prayer and blessing of the meal.

**EVENING RECESS**  
The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly recessed for the evening at 8:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**  
The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly gathered for morning worship at the Presbyterian Center’s chapel at 9:00 a.m., led Rt. Rev. Russell Barr of the Church of Scotland.

The COGA meeting was reconvened at 9:45 a.m. by committee moderator, Barbara Gaddis.

The Way Forward Commission has been directed to focus its work on the structure and function of the PC(USA) agencies. The 222nd General Assembly (2016) has empowered the commission to take administrative actions in OGA and PMA as they move staff in the direction of its vision. There is uncertainty as to the extent of the actions that the commission will be make between general assemblies. The Stated Clerk believes that the intent is not to create a new council of the church. The intent is to align the agencies in order implement and fulfill that vision. Though the establishment of this and the other two committees could cause an element of tension, this may be the very conditions under which God’s work can take place.

Tom Hay has consulted with the leaders the Way Forward Commission, All Agency Review Committee and Vision 2020 Committee. He will met with all of the leaders in November, 2016, to discuss ways to create a connection between the work of the committees.

On November 2, 2016, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly will lead worship at the Presbyterian Center, which will be live-streamed online. Tom encourages COGA to help spread the news of this event within their communities.

Tim Cargal introduced Kathy Riley, who is a member of the Presbyteries’ Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates (PCC) to discuss the Bible Content Examination (BCE).

There has been a recent request for the Committee on Theological Education (COTE) to do a review immediately after the exam in February 2017. The review will study all four exams and provide recommended changes to the PCC in due time to prepare for the next examination date.

Tim Cargal offered clarification on how the clarified how the BCE is distinguished from other exams. The intention of the BCE is to serve as a diagnostic tool to determine one’s Bible content knowledge.

Purpose of the review with COTE is for others to review the exam and determine if there are other ways to communicate what is needed to prepare for the BCE as part of a candidate’s preparation for ministry.

The PCC committee has reached out to the presbyteries and has offered to meet via conference call and to travel to the presbyteries to assist with any questions or concerns they may have about the exam.
The following suggestions were made that may assist mid council committees on preparation as they help people prepare for their examinations:

- Study the New Revised Standard version of the Bible. All quotations in the exam are based on this version.
- Focus on stories, themes and key passages of the Bible.
- Get a Bible dictionary that outline the books and stories.
- Questions are developed based on introductions, which may reference key passages that represent the theme of a book. It would be important to study those key passages.
- Passages in the and Book of Confessions and the Book of Order would be helpful to study.

Barbara Gaddis provided an overview of the topics of discussion that took place during Executive Session on October 25, 2016.

- OGA Realltion w/ PMA
- Clerk Vision & personnel
- “Gracious Separations”
- Ecumenical Matters

No actions were taken during the Executive Session.

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly heard from OGA Volunteer and long-time staff member, Vernon Broyles, who provided a historical view of the struggles with unity within the PC(USA).

Vernon provided COGA with a comprehensive account of the evolution of the councils that ultimately became the Office of the General Assembly, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and the other four agencies.

Intentional separation has caused tension when it comes to communications and other shared services between the agencies. Though the relationship has become more difficult in recent years, there are no irreparable problems.

We are working to build and shape a better relationship with PMA. There are some working challenges, which comes out of a disconnect of the ethos between the two agencies, which creates a challenge. Some issues have mattered significantly and others have not. But those issues come from a relationship that has not been healed.
It is important to remember that we are going to figure out a way to work together. And this is a commitment we need to walk through for the sake of our faith. Ultimately, it is not about PMA or OGA; it is about the national church.

There are hopes that our meeting in Puerto Rico will begin the journey to commit to working with one another.

The Stated Clerk shared his plans to explore ways that the Presbyterian Center could become a religious center in Louisville. He sees many Louisville events as an opportunity for us to do the work we are called to do, to live within the model of the Church within the Presbyterian Center.

**Hands & Feet**
The Stated Clerk shared his vision on how the church can become more engaged in the communities that host biennial General Assemblies. As we look at the next two assemblies, the Stated Clerk is planning to connect with community programs and engage in the groundwork to help those communities. Hands & Feet takes the General Assembly beyond the walls of a convention center and act of commerce with the intention of making a measurable difference within our host cities.

The Stated Clerk is working with GA Meeting Services and the Committees on Local Arrangements (COLA) for future assemblies to seek possible ways for General Assemblies to connect with the needs of those communities.

**Leadership Development**
Staffing within presbyteries has changed. Some presbyteries share staff with another presbytery while others only have a stated clerk on staff. These people are closest to the members of the Church. It is important that we create a way to better connect to our offices to the mid councils.

The Presbyterian Center currently has space available to develop training programs to support a new culture of ministry. The church is reforming and we must move forward to work on that reform.

Barbara Gaddis reported that the following COGA members have been selected to serve on the COGA Coordinating Committee for 2016-2018:

- Mark Boyd
- Lemuel Garcia-Arroyo
- Carol McDonald
- Barbara Gaddis
- Wilson Kennedy
- J. Herbert Nelson

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COGA COORDINATING COMMITTEE**
Having no further business, the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly adjourned at 11:35 a.m. Wilson Kennedy led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Stevens
Recorder