

**Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2016**  
**Circus Circus Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV**  
**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m. President-Elect, Angie Palmer opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Amendment to the agenda: Add Ratification of minutes. Motion to amend the agenda, seconded. Approved with adding Ratification to the minutes.

Roll call was taken by the secretary, René Baker and a Quorum was declared.

Approval of the 2015 minutes.

Introductions and sharing.

**Budget – Rose Miller**

Motion to approve the budget. Approved

**Council on Accreditations and Standards – Freda Dye**

Motion to approve the report. Approved

**Finance Committee – Rose Miller**

1. Recommendation to increase the annual dues. **So Moved**
2. Recommendation to transfer life membership scholarship funds to the Joyce Bauer fund. Motion, seconded. **Approved**

**Membership Council – Annette Houtz**

**National Conference Planning Committee – Carol McGinn**

Carol reported on the planning committee finances

**Recommendation #1:** That APA continues to place advertisements twice a year at least in OUTLOOK/Presbyterians Today and that money is placed in the budget for 2017.

**Rationale:** As our members retire we need to reach out to their replacements and continue to increase membership. This ad would

1. Provide APA with recognition in the church at large.
2. Demonstrate the organization is a Professional organization.
3. And assist in solving the problem that people in the church never heard of APA!

**Recommendation Does Not Pass**

**Recommendation #3:** To increase the conference fee to \$400 due to the rising cost of food. Should the actual cost for food fall below the \$225 which I am recommending, the NCPC will decrease the amount accordingly.

**Rationale:** Each year the cost of food rises and makes it more and more difficult to select the breakfast and lunch with beverage breaks at \$200. This year we are paying 9.1% Tax and 18% Gratuity = 27.1% so  $\$200 \times 27.1\% = 54.20$  leaving you \$150 for food per member. Remember the conference fee consists of food (\$200) and attendance (\$175) for a total of \$375. The cost has been \$375 since approx. 2008 but I would need to verify that in the minutes. I am 100% certain it was \$375. in 2011.

**Recommendation Passes**

Christy Riggs has accepted the position of Vice Chair of the National Planning Committee.

Freda Dye made a motion to refile tax exempt status as religious and use Board of Pensions address for home address through Carol McGinn if the way be clear upon approval.

Rationale: to remove tax-exempt status from Joyce Bauer's address and to refile for updated tax-exempt status.

**Motion Carries**

**Nominating Committee – Angie Palmer**

Candidate to be presented for President-elect is Bobbi Hoffman. Nominations are open for new nominations and applications will be taken for the secretary and treasurer positions. Rose Miller and René Baker have agreed to serve a second term for the positions of treasurer and secretary respectively.

**Bylaws Committee – Bobbi Hoffman, Bylaws Vice-Chair**

Motion that on page 17 of the Guidelines, change Lifetime Member Liaison shall serve a 2 year term and serve no more than 4 years consecutively.

Rationale: Bring term years in line with other offices.

Motion that on page 24 of the Guidelines, remove scholarship policy, second bullet point scholarship policy and amend third bullet point to \$150.00

Rationale: Housekeeping.

Recommend that the Guidelines be approved as amended. **Approved**

Motion from Freda Dye to use standard editing procedures (i.e. strike through, bold, italics, etc.) when changing official APA documents (i.e. Operations Manual)

Rationale: It is important to see specific changes for clarity and transparency when changing documents.

**Motion Carries**

**Recommendation:** Request merger of Florida and Mid-South to become Southeast Region. Motion, seconded. **Approved**

**Old Business**

Task Force on Regional Restructuring

The Board takes responsibility for not clearly communicating what was asked to be done by the Task Force. The Board asks the Council to dismiss the Task Force and allow the Board to create a more specific guideline.

Recommend Task Force be dissolved.

Motion to dismiss the Task Force and direct the Executive Board to review the recommendations by the Task Force and report back to Council their findings.

**Recommendation Carries**

Angie introduced Melissa Morgan as the new Accreditations and Standards Chair.

## **New Business**

Big Tent participation for 2017.

Do we want to have a presence at Big Tent?

**Recommendation #4:** That APA participates in Big Tent when offered by the OGA in July 2017.

Rationale: Most employers will pay for members to attend Big Tent.

1. We would be able to choose from a vast number of classes.
2. It would be helpful for membership to have another avenue for class selections.
3. It would also help to advertise APA.
4. The Board of Pensions is also partnering with Big Tent in place of hosting their usual RBC's.
5. It is something APA has discussed doing for years and never made the decision to participate.
6. Now that APA has reached the 40 year mark let's be bold going forward and show the PC(USA) that we are their partner too!

Recommendation that Judy Pickett and Carol Wetzel in consultation with national treasurer Rose Miller investigate participating in Big Tent when offered by the OGA in July 2017 and bring back information to the Council

Recommendation that Judy Pickett and Carol Wetzel in consultation with national treasurer Rose Miller investigate participating in General Assembly when offered by the OGA in July 2018 and bring back information to the Council

Angie adjourned the meeting with a reading and a prayer.

Motion to adjourn.

Joyfully submitted by: René Baker, National Secretary

