

COUNCIL OF ELDERS AGENDA—February 2009

From the Chairman

- Approval of the minutes.
- Approval of Executive Committee action of Dec. 24, 2008.

From the President

- President's report. This will center on updating the administration's progress on the Strategic Plan, where we are in fulfilling the objectives and what lies ahead. At this meeting the status of our progress will, of course, set the stage for the following discussion on next year's budget.
- The 2009-10 budget.
- Good Works program. Review of past and current activities, and a proposal for restructuring the Good Works program.

Executive Session

- Ordinations and credentialings.
- Legal update and personnel issues.
- Assessment of the president.

Ethics Committee

- Report on Estes Park Council retreat Nov. 12-13 in which the Ethics Committee discussed the 1996 Problem Statement by the Council of Elders: "We, as the Church of God, have not always handled our relationships and responsibilities in a godly manner."

GCE Planning Committee

- GCE planning—final review and adoption of plans for the 2009 GCE meeting—Dave Register.
- GCE annual expense recommendations.

International Area Reports

- Reports presented for information purposes and discussion.
- Discuss the need to formalize the avenues for collecting the information.

Roles and Rules Committee

- Assessment of the secretary—this assessment is due at the August Council meeting. The RRC has created a new document in similar format to the president's assessment and will seek its endorsement by the Council (15 to 30 minutes).
- Assessment of the treasurer—this assessment is due at the August Council meeting. The RRC has created a new document in similar format to the president's assessment and will seek its endorsement by the Council (15 to 30 minutes).
- Member Appeal Committee Scope and Responsibilities—A new document based on previous documents has been created by the RRC. The RRC will seek its endorsement by the Council (30 minutes).
- Amendment Committee Scope and Responsibilities—A new document based on earlier documents and the requirements of the Bylaws has been created by the RRC. The new document has been reviewed and approved by the chairman of the Amendment Committee. The RRC will seek its endorsement by the Council (30 minutes).

- Membership of the Amendment Committee—Address the terms of office that are expiring and consider reappointment or replacement (15 minutes).
- Elder Appeal Committee—This document is based on the earlier “Procedure for Appeal of Suspension from the General Conference of Elders.” It has been substantially amended to cover elder appeals against disciplinary action other than expulsion. The RRC will seek the Council’s endorsement of the new document (30 to 60 minutes).
- Correction of erroneous resolution—In March 2008 the Council passed a resolution related to the membership of the Member Appeal Committee. The resolution was in error, so we need to go back to correct it. An explanatory document will be provided (15 minutes).
- Placing items on the Council agenda—The committee has produced a draft procedure that addresses the concerns of individual Council members, while leaving the approval of agenda firmly in the hands of the Council as a body. Discussion and further direction will be required (60 minutes).
- Outside Speaking Policy and Procedure—An amendment to the current policy regarding elders speaking to outside organizations was referred to the RRC by the Council at its December meeting. This is a work in progress and the Committee may not have a final recommendation ready for the February meeting. Comprehensive input has been received from Jim Franks and Richard Pinelli (60 minutes).
- Note: The last two items are the subject of a Roles and Rules Committee teleconference.

Strategic Planning and Finance Committee

- The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee would like to propose the creation of a Media Committee.

Proposed Amendment From Council Members

- Update on the outcome of the secretary's questionnaire on a proposed amendment to Bylaw 7.5.3. Sponsors will need to update the whole Council on their future intentions. If the proposed amendment does go forward, the Council will still need to be advised as to how it is proposed to handle the changes recommended by the Amendment Committee.