

**Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
242nd Synod Assembly
Nominating Committee Minutes
10:00 am Conference Call
July 31, 2018**

OPENING

The conference call meeting by Zoom was convened with prayer, including a remembrance of Eddie Deas, at 10:10 by Jim Moseley.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Co-Chairs: Jim Moseley, James and Rachel Crumley, Shenandoah; Gerry Hendershot, National Capital; Ray Mims, Salem; Charlie Snead, WNC

Excused: Delores Parker, New Hope and Charlie Kincaid, WNC

Absent: [Susanne Martin, Abingdon – still to be officially elected]; Joon Kwan, AKAP; Todd Smith, Baltimore; Michael Robinson, Charlotte; D Askins, Coastal Carolina; Vanessa Gamble, EVA; Sandra Gisinier, Peaks

Presbyteries with no representation: New Castle

Staff present: Warren Lesane

Guest: Olivia Haney, co-chair of COR

QUORUM

5/13 members does not constitute a quorum. We decided to go ahead with the meeting, sending a follow-up email to the committee asking the committee to endorse motions approved during the meeting. If a quorum of responses is not received by email we can also bring recommendations to floor of Synod Assembly.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDER

Appointed Rachel Crumley, no objections noted

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Motion 1: Approved docket with added moment for Olivia Haney to speak/ask questions following discussion of vacancies. Moved, seconded, approved

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS

It was noted that Susanne Martin will be a new member from Abingdon
Welcomed Olivia Haney, Shenandoah, co-chair of SCOR

PREVIOUS MINUTES/REPORT

Motion 2: Received minutes of January 23, 2018. Moved, seconded, no objections

Motion 3: Received report of the Nominating Committee from Synod, March 12-13, 2018. Moved, seconded, no objections

BUSINESS

1. Changes made since March/Additional Nominations/Resignations, etc.:
 - Baltimore nominates Rev. Janna VanderWoude to the SPJC.
 - Abingdon nominates Susanne Martin to SCOR.
 - Jim Moseley moved from New Castle to James. James nominates Rev. Jim Moseley to SCOR for both 2018 and 2021.
 - Jim Moseley's move leaves a vacancy on SCOR in New Castle. Jim will contact Presbytery Exec/Stated Clerk to fill vacancy.
 - At some point in 2019, we will be receiving a resignation from Kevin Powell (NAT), SCOR class of 2020. At that time, there will be a vacancy to fill. However, at this time, Kevin is merely giving us advance notice of his intention.
 - Salem nominates Rev. Dr. W Frank Covington to Speer.
 - We have received a resignation of James Pak (APAK) from the SPJC.
 - Shenandoah nominates Olivia Haney for a second term on SCOR, class of 2021 (as co-chair of SCOR).
- Charlie Snead (WNC) let us know that Bob Riddle has recently resigned from the SPJC. Charlie has a new nominee to fill this position (see below).

Motion 4: To accept all of the above named nominations and resignations. Moved, seconded, approved.

- Reviewed vacancy chart/rosters of Permanent Committees, which include Representation (SCOR), Permanent Judicial Committee (SPJC), Speer Fund, Jubilee Fund, and Nominations (SCON).
 - WNC nominates Rev. Dr. Harold Bennette to Jubilee for both 2018 and 2021. Rev. Dr. Bennette is a pastor near Hickory, NC. Charlie will send Rachel and Tami contact info and designation (race/nationality, M/F, TE/RE) by email.
 - WNC nominates Ken Murchison, clerk of Warren Wilson Church in Swannanoa, NC, to SPJC to begin in January 2019, serving as the class of 2024. Again, Charlie will send info by email to Rachel and Tami.
 - With sadness, we recognize that Eddie Deas of WNC had gone to be with our Lord, leaving a vacancy on the Speer Fund Committee in the class of 2018.
 - National Capitol SCOR rep, Gerry Hendershot, is willing to continue serving on SCOR for another term, class of 2021, but needs to allow National Capitol due process. He will contact the Presbytery's NomCom and will be in touch with us; his name will not be placed in nomination until we hear from him.
 - We've received a resignation from Elizabeth Forrester, SPJC class of 2023 from Coastal Carolina.

Motion 5: That the two nominees from WNC, and the resignation from Coastal Carolina be

accepted. Moved, seconded, approved.

2. Invite Olivia Haney, SCOR, to ask questions or speak. She said that she is brand new, only in her position for 2 weeks and is planning on doing some training with Warren, and will need some time to review but for now believes we're in good shape. Rachel mentioned a possible imbalance on PJC (more than ½ are WMREs). Warren mentioned that there was a motion from GA asking the COR of various councils to be more involved and take greater responsibility for their role within the system. Many councils have merged COR and CON, but COR was meant to provide oversight. Warren sees our synod as having had a healthy relation between the two and hopes to enhance that relationship.
3. If you have not already please review the rosters of the five permanent committees and send any changes and updates to Tami Scott.
4. Review rosters of Designated Committees
 - Warren explained that all commissioners are assigned to designated committees for each assembly with attention to class years, diversity, etc. and naming of a chair person with respect to diversity because committee chairs make up the executive committee.
 - When there is a commissioner vacancy, Warren, as Synod stated clerk, contacts the stated clerk of an individual presbytery. Designated Committees are already assigned; unless changes need to be made, it comes to SCOR for information and for chair of SCOR to present to the assembly. SCOR will also receive designated committee rosters for comment.
 - Shenandoah has sent to Tami the name of Andy Wing to fill the vacancy left by John Bethard in the class of 2019.
 - Salem has 2 commissioner vacancies: 2019 and 2020. Ray Mims will work with his stated clerk to fill these vacancies. They already have a possibility for a person to fill one position.

Motion 6: To add Andy Wing to the Presbytery Initiatives Committee in place of John Bethard pending the election of Andy as commissioner from Shenandoah Presbytery. Moved, seconded, approved.

5. Synod Staff Updates – Warren is chair-elect of PMA, whose board going to Stony Point next week to get the body up and going. He says he is feeling good about God's Church and the missional directions in which we are headed.
6. September Meeting of Synod Assembly to be held September 10-11, 2018. Some presbyteries require the election of committee members by the presbytery. Some don't. If one is not yet elected, we may present their name to Synod pending their approval by presbytery at the next stated Presbytery meeting.

Motion 7: To nominate Susanne Hooker Taylor, WFRE, Shenandoah as Moderator for 2019

and Mawuna Gardesey, BMRE, New Castle as Vice-Moderator for 2019. Moved, seconded, approved.

Motion 8: Motion for co-chairs to act on behalf of SCON to bring additional names before the Synod Assembly in September, if other nominations and/or resignations are brought forward. Moved, seconded, approved

7. Next Meeting: **January 8, 2019 10am** – hold date conference call.

CURRENT STATUS OF SEPTEMBER REPORT

Nominating Committee Report to the Synod Assembly, September 10-11, 2018

Part I – September 10, 2018

DESIGNATED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (listed separately)

Part II – September 11, 2018

NOMINATING COMMITTEE *(by presentation from the Executive Committee)*

Class of 2020	Rev. Susanne Martin	WFTE1	Abingdon
Class of 2018	Rev. Jim Moseley	WMTE1	James
Class of 2021	Rev. Jim Moseley	WMTE2	James
MODERATOR:	Susanne Hooker Taylor	WFRE	Shenandoah
VICE-MODERATOR:	Mawuna Gardesey	BMRE	New Castle
COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION			
Class of 2021, co-chair	Rev. Olivia Haney	WFTE	Shenandoah
JUBILEE FUND			
Class of 2018	Rev. Dr. Harold Bennette	MTE	WNC
Class of 2021	Rev. Dr. Harold Bennette	MTE	WNC
PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION			
Class of 2021	Rev. Janna VanderWoude	WFTE	Baltimore
Class of 2024 to begin January 2019	Ken Murchison	MRE	WNC
SPEER TRUST FUND			
Class of 2020	Rev. Dr. W Frank Covington	WMTE	Salem

Current Vacancies:

Abingdon: NONE

Atlantic Korean American: PJC 2019; Jubilee 2018
Baltimore: NONE
Charlotte: NONE
Coastal Carolina: NONE
Eastern Virginia: COR 2019, Speer 2020
James: NONE
National Capital: NONE
New Castle: NomCom 2019
New Hope: NONE
Peaks: COR 2020
Salem: NONE
Shenandoah: NONE
Western North Carolina: Jubilee 2018

Codes:

A = Asian

B = Black

C = Chinese

H = Hispanic

W = White

F = Female

M = Male

RE = Ruling Elder

CRE = Commissioned Ruling Elder

TE = Teaching Elder

1 = First Term

2 = Second Term

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT closed in prayer at 11:35am