

***RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE AND PROCEDURES FOR VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, PRESBYTERY BY LAWS, and PRESBYTERY MANUAL OF OPERATIONS
March 7, 2015***

MOTION: to adopt the following Rules of Decorum and Debate and Procedures for Voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution Approved by the 221st General Assembly (2014) and Recommended to the Presbyteries for Their Affirmative or Negative Vote And for Voting on Presbytery By-Law Amendments and Voting on Presbytery Manual of Operations Amendments.

RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE for PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

(Based upon RONR Page 391)

1. Speeches limited to 2 minutes by those eligible to vote, alternating pro and con. There will be a microphone and those wishing to speak will line up behind the microphone and will be recognized on an alternating basis between pro and con. The Stated Clerk will maintain a timer.
2. Each person may speak twice on a subject and may not speak a second time until everyone who wishes has spoken.
3. State your name and church affiliation before making comment
4. Remarks shall be confined to the pending question/issue/amendment and
5. Remarks shall not impugn another person or that person's motives.
6. **All remarks shall be addressed to the moderator.**
7. Persons' names should not be used, except by way of introduction of yourself when addressing the assembly.
8. **Remarks may not refer adversely to prior acts or discussion.**
9. Reports or documents are not to be read or distributed.
10. **Persons shall not disturb the assembly, eg clapping, shouting, etc.**
11. Moderator shall monitor and preserve decorum during the debate.

PROCEDURES FOR DEBATE AND VOTING (Approved by the Agenda Planning Committee)

1. An * Order of the Day has been established with specific times docketed for debate and vote on all amendments.
2. Beginning with an Order of the Day at 11:10 a.m. on Saturday March 7, 2015 the schedule with Orders of the Day for considering and voting on the amendments is shown below.

*** 11:10 a.m. COMMON CONSENT AGENDA CONSIDERATION – 20 Minutes ***

The following Proposed Amendments, which were approved by the 221st General Assembly (2014) by Voice Vote, have been listed on a Comment Consent Agenda consideration for approval by the Presbytery by a Voice Vote. **Presbyters have the right to request a Proposed Amendment be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration and vote.** A motion to approve those proposed amendments remaining on the Consent Agent will be voted by a single voice vote. A simple majority is required for approval.

14-B. Special Committee to Review the preparation for Ministry Process and Standard Ordination Exams

14-B.1. Final Assessment – On Amending G-2.0607

14-B.2 Accommodations – On Amending G-2.0610

14-C. Child Protection Policy – On Amending G-3.0106

14-D. Minimum Composition of a Presbytery – On Amending G-3.0301

14-E. Interreligious Stance – On Amending G-5.0102

11:30 a.m. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION AND VOICE VOTE – 15 Minutes

14-A. Renunciation of Jurisdiction – On Amending G-2.0509

We are providing presbyters the opportunity to vote on proposed Renunciation of Jurisdiction in either the affirmative or the negative. A simple majority vote is required.

[Note: 15 minutes allocated for Consideration of Renunciation of Jurisdiction]

11:45 a.m. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION AND VOICE VOTE – 15 Minutes

14-1. Confession of Belhar – Amending the *Book of Confessions*

We are providing presbyters the opportunity to vote on proposed Confession of Belhar in either the affirmative or the negative. A simple majority vote is required.

[Note: 15 minutes allocated for Consideration of Confession of Belhar]

*** 12:45 a.m. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION AND VOTE BY BALLOT – 45 Minutes ***

14-F. Marriage – On Amending W-4.9000

A simple majority vote is required.

[Note: 45 minutes allocated for Consideration of Proposed Amendment 14-F]

The Order of the Day for consideration of Proposed Amendment 14 - F will be observed.

1:30 a.m. Hymn and Meditation Interlude

***1:35 p.m. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION AND VOTE BY BALLOT – 85 Minutes ***

Amendment to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Manual of Operations

Part 17. Presbytery Policy for Congregations Desiring a Departure from the PC (USA).

The Stated Clerk received a motion from 10 sessions of churches within the Presbytery with a 50 day notice to amend Part 17 of the Manual of Operations and present to the Presbytery for vote on March 7, 2015. The motion strikes the existing Part 17 and replaces it with a new Part 17. Gracious Separation Policy. Approval requires 2/3 vote of the members present.

This proposed amendment becomes the main motion. Any motions made to perfect the main motion must be in writing and must be submitted to the Stated Clerk before being offered to the Presbytery for consideration.

The Order of the Day for consideration of Proposed Amendment Part 17 will be delayed no longer than 10 minutes if consideration of the previously amendment (14-F Marriage) extends beyond the time allotted. Should debate and the vote on the previous amendment (14-F Marriage) be completed in a shorter time period than scheduled consideration will proceed immediately to Proposed Amendment Part 17.

3:00 p.m. CONSIDERATION AND VOTE BY BALLOT – 15 Minutes

Amendments to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon By-Laws

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| B-5.0200 | Commission on Ministry |
| B-6.0210 | The Permanent Teams of Presbytery |
| Article VII | Ecclesiastical Relationships (Election of GA Commissioners) |

The Presbytery Leadership Team approved the amendments to the By-Laws at their January 7, 2015 meeting with these presented to the Presbytery for vote on March 7, 2015. Approval requires $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the members present.

3:15 p.m. CONSIDERATION AND VOTE BY BALLOT – 15 Minutes

Amendment to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Manual of Operations

- Part 3. Presbytery Leadership Team**
- Part 6. Congregational Development Team**
- Part 7. Congregational Leadership Team**
- Part 8. Mission Partnering Team**
- Part 9. Networks**

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at their January 7, 2015 meeting with these presented to the Presbytery for vote on March 7, 2015. Approval requires 2/3 vote of the members present.

4. A member of the Bills and Overture Committee (Commissioners to the 221st General Assembly) will move consideration of the proposed amendments as they are outlined above and in the Proposed Amendments Approved by the 221st General Assembly (2014) Booklet published by the Office of the Stated Clerk of the PCUSA.
5. The Moderator of the Presbytery Leadership Team will move consideration of Amendments to the Presbytery By-Laws and the Manual of Operations, exclusive of Part 17.
6. A commissioner from one of the 10 churches submitting the proposed Gracious Dismissal Amendment will move consideration of that amendment to Part 17.
7. Voting will be by method indicated for each consideration as published in this notice.
8. Presbytery could move to extend the time of floor discussion.

The Order of the Day for consideration of Proposed Amendment 14 - F will be observed if consideration of the Common Consent Agenda Amendments and 14-1 extends beyond the time allotted. Should debate and the vote on the Common Consent Agenda Amendments and 14-1 be completed in a shorter time period than scheduled consideration will proceed immediately to Proposed Amendment 14 - F.