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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING RULES

This is a proposal to add to the duties of Moderator-Elect and possible successors to the Moderator-Elect in the “Officers” section of the Standing Rules at Line 175:

- **[NEW]** Should the position of Moderator become vacant for any reason during the Moderator-Elect’s term, the Moderator-Elect shall immediately, without the need for an election or installation, become **Acting Moderator** with all of the powers, duties and responsibilities of Moderator under the Book of Order and the Presbytery’s Bylaws and Standing Rules until the next annual meeting of the Presbytery. The Presbytery may, but is not required to, elect and install a **Successor Moderator-Elect**, with all of the powers, duties and responsibilities of Moderator-Elect under the Presbytery’s Bylaws and Standing Rules; or elect but not install an **Acting Vice-Moderator**, serving in any capacity requested by the **Acting Moderator**. Candidates for either office are presented to the Presbytery by the Committee on Representation and Participation and any such officer will serve until the next annual meeting of the Presbytery.

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e) As Moderator of Presbytery for any prior year.

f) Moderator of Presbyterian Women if she is not otherwise a voting member of Presbytery.

- 2) Corresponding Members. When in attendance, corresponding members with voice, but without vote shall be:
 - a) Members of Synod Staff and Presbytery staff, and
 - b) Ministers of the Word and Sacrament of other Presbyteries of the PCUSA and of other communions in correspondence with the General Assembly.
- 3) Youth Advisory Delegates. Persons between 17 and 23 years of age, not otherwise serving as a Ruling Elder commissioner, may be elected by each Session for a term of one year. Youth advisory delegates must be active members of the particular congregation which elected them and are granted privilege of the floor, but without vote.
- 4) Others in Attendance. Others in attendance at a meeting of Presbytery may be granted privilege of the floor by action of Presbytery. Such persons should present their names to the Administrator prior to the opening of the particular Presbytery meeting.
- 5) Judicial Process. Full judicial process as defined in the Rules of Discipline of the Constitution of the PCUSA shall apply to all communicant members, Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and corporations affiliated with and subject to the Constitution of the PCUSA.

ARTICLE V

The Presbytery as an Ecclesiastical Entity

- 1) The Presbytery, as an ecclesiastical body, shall consist of the following:
 - a. Ecclesiastical Officers of Presbytery. Presbytery elects as its ecclesiastical officers a Moderator, Moderator-elect, Past Moderator, Stated Clerk and Treasurer. Their duties are as stated in the Book of Order and the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Santa Fe. The terms of office for the Moderator and Moderator-elect begin with their installation. The terms of office for the Stated Clerk and

Treasurer begin at the close of the Annual Meeting following election.

- i. The Moderator is ordinarily the person who has served as Moderator-elect the preceding year, and is elected for a term of one year.
 - ii. The Moderator-elect is elected for a term of one year.
 - iii. The Past Moderator is elected for a term of one year.
 - iv. The Stated Clerk is elected for a term of three years.
 - v. The Treasurer is elected for a term of three years.
- b. Presbytery Commissions, Committees and Teams. The Commissions and Committees of Presbytery shall be those created to fulfill the vision and values of the Presbytery and those required by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). They shall include: the Commission on Ministry; the Commission on Preparation for Ministry; the Committee on Representation and Participation; the Worship Networking Committee; the Education Networking Committee; the Mission Networking Committee; the Finance and Property Committee; the Personnel Committee; the Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission; the Leadership Team; and the Coordinating Team.
- i. Responsibilities. The responsibilities of these commissions, committees, and teams are set forth in the Book of Order and the Standing Rules of the Presbytery.
 - ii. Election.
 1. The members and chairpersons of all Commissions and Committees, except as otherwise noted in paragraphs 2 and 3 below, are nominated by the Committee on Representation and Participation and elected annually by the Presbytery.
 2. The members of the Permanent Judicial Commission shall elect their own chairperson from among their membership.
 3. The members of the Committee on Representation and Participation are nominated by the Coordinating Team and elected by the Presbytery. The chair shall be nominated from among the committee members by the Moderator of the Presbytery and elected annually by the

Standing Rules

- Serving as chairperson of the Leadership Team.
- Serving as President of the Board of Trustees.
- Appointing, in consultation with the chairperson(s) of the Commission on Ministry, the Stated Clerk, and Associate Stated Clerk, a committee of counsel as provided in the Rules of Discipline D-6.0302. Further, the Moderator shall at the next meeting of the Presbytery report such action.
- Appointing, with the advice and consent of the chairperson(s) of the Commission on Ministry and Stated Clerk, an investigating committee as provided in the Rules of Discipline D-10.0103. Further, the Stated Clerk shall at the next meeting of the Presbytery report such action.
- Appointing, in consultation with the chairperson(s) of Commission on Ministry, the Stated Clerk and the Associate Stated Clerk, a committee for Special Administrative Review, as provided in the Book of Order G-3.0108b. Further, the Moderator shall at the next meeting of the Presbytery report such action.

Candidates for the office of Moderator are presented to the Presbytery by the Committee on Representation and Participation at the annual meeting of the Presbytery, and that officer is elected and ordinarily installed at that meeting.

The **Moderator-Elect's** duties are specified in the bylaws of the Presbytery, and as the Presbytery may otherwise direct, and include:

- Serving as the Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery.
- Serving on behalf of the Moderator in any capacity when invited by the Moderator.
- Serving as a member of the Coordinating Team.

In electing the Moderator-Elect, the Presbytery stipulates that the Moderator-Elect will become the Moderator the following year, and will serve a three-year term on the Leadership Team by virtue of office. Candidates for the office of Moderator-Elect are presented to the Presbytery by the Committee on Representation and Participation at the annual meeting of the Presbytery, and that officer is elected and ordinarily installed at that meeting.

The **Treasurer's** duties are specified in the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Presbytery and relevant secular law. In addition, the duties of the Treasurer shall include:

- Providing a financial report at stated meetings of the Presbytery.
- Presenting a year-end financial statement to Presbytery at its first stated meeting following the end of the fiscal year.
- Working with the Leadership Team, the Finance and Property Committee, the Administrator, the Coordinating Team, and others on matters pertaining to the financial life of the Presbytery, which shall include an annual audit/review of the Presbytery's