

TO: BGM, on behalf of ABC President Don Ng

RE: Standing Rule 15.5.3

ABC Bylaws, Article XIX, Section 2. Standing Rules. Standing Rules of the ABCUSA may be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority of the votes cast by the directors of the Board of General Ministries, as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of these Bylaws, at any special meeting called for that purpose or any regular meeting, provided that notice of any such proposed Standing Rule or any proposed amendment or repeal of any Standing Rule has been given to the directors of the Board of General Ministries, either: (i) at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which such proposed Standing Rule, amendment, or repeal is to be submitted; or (ii) at the meeting of the Board of General Ministries immediately preceding the meeting at which such proposed Rule, amendment, or repeal is to be submitted. Each Standing Rule shall be consistent with these Bylaws. Any Standing Rule or amendment or repeal thereof may be recommended in the same manner as any addition to, amendment, or repeal of these Bylaws as provided in Section 1 of this Article XIX and, in addition, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Executive Committee or of the entire National Leadership Council.

The BGM Executive Committee, at its meeting on September 12, voted to recommend the proposed addition noted below to Standing Rule 15.5.3. This proposed change will be brought to BGM for action at the November meeting. This email serves as the required 30-day notice to the board prior to voting in November.

Thank you.

Proposed Draft Amendment to Standing Rule 15.5.3
(proposed addition in underlined red font)

In the event of the extended absence of the General Secretary, whether by disability, sabbatical, voluntary or involuntary termination of service, or otherwise, the Board of General Ministries shall have the authority and responsibility to name an Interim General Secretary to serve at the pleasure of the Board of General Ministries. If, due to time constraints or otherwise, the Board does not initially name an Interim General Secretary, then the Executive Committee shall have the authority and responsibility to name an Acting General Secretary to serve for a period not to exceed 90 days. Thereafter, the Board of General Ministries shall have the authority and responsibility either to extend the term of the Acting General Secretary or to name an Interim General Secretary to serve at the pleasure of the Board of General Ministries.