



**BGM Executive Committee  
June 12-13, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Housing/Meeting:** Green Lake Conference Center  
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**Officers:** Josué Gómez-Menéndez, President  
Dean Parker, Vice President  
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer  
Judy Fackenthal, Past President  
Lee Spitzer, General Secretary

**Committee:** Cedric Jones, PBA  
José Manuel Magana, Central Pacific  
Annie Svitavsky, VNH

**Chaplain:** Zina Jacque, Metro Chicago

**Parliamentarian:** Dennis Johnson, West Virginia

**Staff:** Alan Musoke, Associate General Secretary/Treasurer/CFO  
Kathy Jachowski, Administrator

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 6:30 PM; Tower Dining Room**

The Board of General Ministries (BGM) Executive Committee gathered for dinner and a time of fellowship.

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM; Tower Dining Room**

*Lunch was served during the meeting.*

**BGM EC 541            EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Committee met in Executive Session. Actions taken during this meeting will be placed in a sealed envelope and filed with the official minutes in the General Secretary's office.

**BGM EC 542            DEVOTIONS**

Chaplain Zina Jacque lit the Christ Candle in recognition of Christ's presence and shared a devotion.

**BGM EC 543            CALL TO ORDER**

ABC President Josué Gómez-Menéndez called the meeting to order.

**BGM EC 544            CONSENT AGENDA**

*Cedric Jones made a motion and seconded by Dean Parker to adopt the proposed agenda dated June 12-13, 2018 and to approve the minutes of the March 8-10, 2018 meeting of the Executive Committee, held in Virginia Beach, VA.*

**VOTED: Motion Approved**

**BGM EC 545            2019 BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT UPDATE**

American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) General Secretary Lee Spitzer gave an update on the planning for the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit, "Summit by the Sea," noting that all of the national partners have agreed their participation by playing key leadership roles and accepting responsibility for one or more of the tracks that will be offered at the Biennial. There will be a new segment for youth and the expectation is that whole youth groups will attend. Orientation to AB Life will meet on-line prior to the Biennial to have conversations with seminarians and new pastors in order that orientation would occur months before the Biennial. This is a different format than in past years to allow for them to attend the Biennial events with everyone. After the Biennial they will meet on-line again to discuss what they experienced. Virginia Beach is excited about ABCUSA coming to their city and the hope is to have 2,000 to 2,500 people in attendance. Preparations are also underway for the 2021 Biennial in San Juan, PR.

**BGM EC 546            YEAR TO DATE FINANCIALS****Overall**

Overall the year-to-date financials show a net gain of \$19K primarily due to the Denomination Emphasis which had a gain of \$62K, and the ABCUSA Departments which had a gain of \$34K. Net revenue compared to last year is up \$48K. Expenses as compared to last year are lower by \$32K. Net revenue and expense are determined by subtracting the Biennial from this year and last year since there is no Biennial in 2018.

**Development Office**

The Development office had a loss of (\$77K). Revenues realized by this department flow through other departments.

**Women in Ministry**

Women in Ministry had a slight loss of (\$12K). This loss will be offset by quarterly revenue from investments.

**United Mission**

Total UM is \$2,363,802. This is a decrease of (\$74,039) from the prior year. This represents a reduction of 3.04%. Contributions to "One Great Hour of Sharing" have increased by 116.09% from last year in response to disaster relief.

**BGM EC 547                    2017 AUDIT REPORT**

The report of the independent certified public accountants, Tait, Weller & Baker LLP (see attached document).

**BGM EC 548                    UNITED MISSIONS UPDATE**

Lee Spitzer gave credit to Tina Turner for seeing the first fruits of some changes that are happening. Regions are covering the transportation costs when the General Secretary travels which is helping with the expenses. The Associate General Secretaries are working hard to promote United Mission when they travel to various regions. Josué will let the BGM directors know that instead of the give-aways being in their packets they will need to go to the display in the plenary room – look at the display that will be sent to the regions – and then get their give-aways.

**BGM EC 549                    BUILDING MOVE**

The process is underway for the finalizing of the sale of the Mission Center and the purchase of the new building. The plan is to demolish the Mission Center in June of 2019. American Baptist Foundation (ABF) will relocate their office in the end of July 2018. American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) will be relocating their office in the end of August 2018. The Office of the General Secretary (OGS) will move at the end of 2018 or the beginning of 2019. The hope is to include a tour of the new building when the BGM meets in November 2018.

**BGM EC 550                    WORLD RELIEF COMMITTEE POLICY CHANGES PROPOSAL**

Refer to the document of the “World Relief Proposed Policy Changes.” The recommendations will be taken to the BGM for vote.

**BGM EC 551                    REMC RELATIONSHIP**

The REMC is feeling not included or no longer having a voice after the ByLaw changes in 2011. The role of the Office of the General Secretary is to keep the family together. The BGM welcomes the REMC as guests to attend the BGM meetings as we represent the whole family. The NEC will discuss the matter at the next NEC meeting.

**BGM EC 552                    DISTRIBUTION OF LEASEHOLD PROCEEDS**

There was a past understanding between the NEC and Treasurers of a leasehold agreement that was never brought to the BGM. Lee Spitzer recommends that this agreement be discussed in the September BGM Executive Committee meeting to prepare a formal report to consider what a formal contract would look like.

**BGM EC 553                    BANKING RESOLUTION PROPOSAL**

Alan Musoke shared a proposal for ABCUSA to switch from their current bank to the Christian Community Credit Union in San Dimas, CA.

*Judy Fackenthal made a motion and seconded by Dean Parker to recommend to the BGM Finance Committee to adopt the resolution for the Christian Community Credit Union (CCCU) in San Dimas, CA serve as the designated bank for the American Baptist Churches USA.*

**VOTED: Motion Approved**

**BGM EC 554                    CREDENTIALS & CAUCUS COMMITTEE**

José Manuel Magana, chair, called to order the meeting of the Credentials & Caucus Committee. José reviewed the new format of the Changed Relationship Report. The following items were requested to be added to the report for future reference:

- Reason for the change as part of the report.
- Breakdown in ethnic demographics
- Synopsis chart at the end of the report that will show the regions down the left side and the indexed categories across the top.

***Judy Fackenthal made a motion and seconded by Cedric Jones to receive the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches (1205.1:06/18) dated November 9, 2017 to June 12, 2018 and to forward the report to the Board of General Ministries.***

**VOTED: Motion Approved**

***Judy Fackenthal made a motion and seconded by Paul Higgins to approve the Women's Caucus amount requested for 2019 in full and then the other caucuses the same allocation as 2018 with the exception of the Young Adult Caucus.***

**VOTED: Motion Approved**

**BGM EC 555                      REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The nominating committee recommends Shawna Simmons for the vacancy in Indianapolis replacing Eh Bludoh who has left the board.

**BGM EC 556                      ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting of BGM Executive Committee: September 13-15, 2018 Burlington, VT

Submitted by,



Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer  
General Secretary

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Documents attached

BGM EC Integrated Schedule (1008:06/18)

BGM EC Proposed Agenda (1101:06/18)

BGM EC Roster June 2018

BGM Executive Committee Minutes: March 2018 (1002: 03/18)

Financials YTD through April 2018

Report of the General Secretary

ABC President's Report (1201:06/18)

United Missions Report

ABCUSA Financial Statements and Report of the CPA: December 31, 2017 and 2016 (Audited Report)

Caucus Reports

*Report of Changed Relationships Nov. 9, 2017 to June 12, 2018 (1205.1:06/18)*  
*Proposed Banking Resolution*  
*Proposed World Relief Committee Policy Changes*  
*REMC Letter*