



BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES

June 23-24, 2015

AGENDA

Meeting Site: Sheraton Overland Park Hotel
6100 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS 66211
913-234-2100

Officers: Don Ng, President
Judy Fackenthal, Vice President/BGM Chaplain
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer
Ruth Clark, Past President
A. Roy Medley, General Secretary

Parliamentarian: Dennis Johnson

On Tuesday, June 23, 2015, a Breakfast Buffet will be served from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. in the Maple Room of the Sheraton; a Lunch Buffet will be served from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at 1906 Patio outside the Maple Room of the Sheraton.

Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; BGM 1st Plenary; Cottonwood 1

Kelly Legg, ABC of Pennsylvania and Delaware and Wesley Sun, ABC of Metro Chicago, will be serving as Tellers for this meeting. Nancy O'Neill, ABC of Wisconsin, will be ministering to us through her gift of music at various times during this meeting.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Don Ng, Presiding
ABC President

Introduction of New Directors attending their first meeting
Recognition of Resignations
Announcements

2. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Judy Fackenthal
ABC Vice President/BGM Chaplain

3. Consent Agenda

President Ng

Proposed Action: *To approve the Consent Agenda:
The June 23-24, 2015 Proposed Agenda and Minutes of BGM's
November 13-15, 2014 Meeting (held in King of Prussia, PA)*

4. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee

President Ng

March 10-13, 2015, San Diego
June 23, 2015, Overland Park

5. Report of the Nominating Committee

Vice President Fackenthal

Election of At-Large Director of the Board of General Ministries

The Board of General Ministries is composed of At-Large Directors, General Directors and Ex Officio Directors. There are 33 At-Large Directors, one from each ABCUSA Region, elected by the Biennial Delegates. Any vacancy for an At-Large Director may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of General Ministries on nomination of the ABCUSA Nominating Committee.

Proposed Action: To elect Marijane Kiley, West Virginia Baptist Convention, as an At-Large Director (class of 2018) as nominated to the Board of General Ministries.

Election of General Director of the Board of General Ministries

Up to five (5) General Directors are elected, by the Members giving due regard to geographical, racial, ethnic and gender diversity on the Board of General Ministries, the National Boards and within the Constituencies of ABCUSA.

Proposed Action: To elect June Totten as a General Director (class of 2019) to the Board of General Ministries.

6. Introduce the “Big Issues of the Day” and “Parking Lot” Agenda Process

President Ng

Big Issues of the Day

What are the big issues facing the ABC family, ABCUSA and the larger Christian world today that we must not overlook? Some possible “Big Issues of the Day” are:

- a. Report of General Secretary’s Search (Don Ng)
- b. Transformed by the Spirit/Rhythms of the Spirit Updates (Jeff Woods, Roy Medley, Judy Fackenthal)
- c. Standing Rules/ABCUSA Bylaws (Don Ng)

Proposed Action: To approve/approve with changes the proposed amendments to the ABCUSA Standing Rules.

Proposed Action: To approve/approve with changes the proposed amendments to the ABCUSA Bylaws for recommendation to the ABC delegates at the 2017 Biennial Mission Summit.

- d. Immigration Taskforce –Executive Committee Trip to Tijuana (Don Ng, Roy Medley)
- e. February Trip to Malaysia, Thailand & Burma (Roy Medley)

- f. ABC/COB/PNBC Middle East Trip, April 15-30, 2015 (June Totten, Ernest Jones)
- g. Matthew 25 Grant Update (Robin Crouch, Alan Rudnick)
- h. United Mission AD Team – Beta Project (Tasha Wilson, Leo Thorne)
- i. Communicating ABC Identity Action Group – Connecting Project (Tasha Wilson, Leo Thorne)
- j.
- k.

Parking Lot Issues

What are the necessary routine items that we need to address when time is available? Some possible “Parking Lot” items are:

- a. President’s Report (Don Ng)
- b. General Secretary’s Report (Roy Medley)
- c. Joint Review Committee (Judy Fackenthal)
- d. Sharing of ABC Ministry: BGM Directors to Other Boards (Bill Frederickson, MMBB; Vivan Martindale, IM; James Wolfe, ABHMS)
- e. Report of the Credentials & Caucus Committee (Wesley Roberts)
 - Report of Approval of 2015 Caucus Funding Allocations
 - Changed Relationship Report

Proposed Action: To recognize the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches (document 205.1:6/15) dated November 5, 2014 to June 8, 2015.

- f. Report of the Budget Review Officer (Paul Higgins)
 - 2014 Audit
 - YTD Financials through April 2015
 - Update on Building Issues (Alan Musoke)
 - UM Distribution Issues
- g. 588 Real Estate Council (Ruth Clark, Don Ng)
- h. HR Committee- Cost of Living Increases (Johnson Eapen)
- i. AB Gathering of Members of National Organizations (Don Ng)
- j. Recognition of Roy Medley Events (Ruth Clark)
- k. Joint Review Committee on Nominations (Judy Fackenthal)
- l. Future Meeting Dates
- m.
- n.

7. *(Additional items, as consensus dictates)*

8. **4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Convening of the BGM in Action Groups/Recess for Dinner
(A roster of Action Group membership will be posted on the BGM document page.)

Becoming a Beloved Community – Hospitality 1724 (Led by Camille Brown, Pat Hernandez)
Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations – Hospitality 1224 (Led by June Totten, Roy Medley)
Communicating ABC Identity – Hospitality 1024 (Led by Tasha Wilson, Leo Thorne)
Finance Committee – Birch Room (Led by Paul Higgins, Alan Musoke)
Renewing Congregations – Hospitality 1524 (Led by Wesley Roberts, Jeff Woods)

BGM DINNER: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The Board of General Ministries, their spouses and staff will enjoy dinner together at 6:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Sheraton.



Brad Berglund, Mission Summit Manager/Consultant, will provide a Biennial Mission Summit Preview of the upcoming ABC Family Celebration!

Tuesday, June 23, 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; BGM 2nd Plenary; Cottonwood 1

9. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries President Ng
10. Big Issues/Parking Lot Issues (*as consensus dictates*)
11. Recess of the Meeting until Wednesday, June 24. President Ng

Wednesday, June 24, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; BGM 3rd Plenary; Cottonwood 1

A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. in Maple Room of the Sheraton.

12. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries Vice President Fackenthal, presiding
13. Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle Judy Fackenthal
Concerns and Celebrations

An offering to assist the ministry of Deborah's House (Tijuana, Mexico) in honor of ABC missionaries Ray and Adalia Schellinger, will be collected at this meeting as part of BGM Worship.
14. Big Issues
15. Parking Lot Issues

16. **10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Convening of the BGM in Action Groups/Recess for Lunch

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LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

A Buffet Lunch will be available on the 1906 Patio, outside the Maple Room.

Wednesday, June 24, 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; BGM 4th Plenary; Cottonwood 1

17. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries

18. Action Group Reports

19. Big Issues

20. Parking Lot Issues

21. Recognition of Nominees for ABC Officers, 2016-2017 Biennium

Don Ng, A. Roy Medley

Rev. Judy Fackenthal – ABC President

Rev. Dr. Josue Menendez Gómez– ABC Vice President

Mr. Paul Higgins – ABC Budget Review Officer

22. Closing Worship with Communion

Judy Fackenthal

23. Adjournment

Don Ng

AMERICAN BAPTIST GATHERING OF MEMBERS OF NATIONAL BOARDS

(ABCUSA/ABHMS/ABWM/IM/MMBB)

Courtyard Room 1, Overland Park Convention Center

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. –DINNER

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. –PLENARY

November 2015 Meeting of the Board of General Ministries (Doubletree by Hilton, Valley Forge, PA)

Thursday, Nov. 12, beginning at 2:00 p.m. - Saturday, Nov. 14, ending at 12:30 p.m.

(The Mission Table begins on Monday, Nov. 9 at 1:00 p.m. and ends on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 12:00 p.m.)