



**BGM Executive Committee
Green Lake Conference Center
June 13, 2022**

MINUTES

Meeting Site: Green Lake Conference Center
W2511 State Rd. 23
Green Lake, WI 54941

Officers: Jim Wolfe, President
Michelle Nickens, Vice President
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer
Jeff Woods, General Secretary

Committee: Cedric Jones, PBA
Judith Christiansen, NYS
Karen Podsiadly, Past President

Chaplain: Cedric Jones, PBA

Parliamentarian: Bill Frederickson, NJ

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

Monday, June 13, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Mitchell Dining Room

BGM EC 780 DEVOTIONS

Cedric Jones lit the Christ Candle in recognition of Christ's presence and shared a devotion.

BGM EC 781 CALL TO ORDER

ABCUSA President Jim Wolfe welcomed Shawna Simmons as an observer and called the meeting to order.

BGM EC 782 CONSENT AGENDA

Cedric Jones made a motion and seconded by Karen Podsiadly to accept the agenda items dated June 13, 2022 and to approve the minutes of the March 10-12, 2022 meeting of the Executive Committee held in Phoenix, AZ.

Vote passed.

BGM EC 783 REPORT OF THE ABCUSA PRESIDENT

ABCUSA President, Jim Wolfe shared that he has been working with the Biennial Mission Summit Planning Team on arrangements for the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit in San Juan, PR; as well as, continuing working with the General Secretary Search Committee. Jim Wolfe attended the National Leadership Council (NLC) May 17-20 and shared that the NLC prayed for the members of the search committee that were present at the NLC gathering. The board will meet in executive session for 90 minutes to discuss the General Secretary Search progress and the future plans. For more details on Jim Wolfe's Report, please reference the Report of the ABCUSA President.

BGM EC 784 REPORT OF THE ABCUSA GENERAL SECRETARY

Jeff Woods reported on the continuing progress outlined in the "Intentional Interim Strategic Plan" and the "Role of the Office of the General Secretary" documents adopted by the Board of General Ministries (BGM) in November 2021. Jeff proceeded to share highlights of his work as General Secretary following the November 2021 BGM meeting, which are included in the document, "Report of the General Secretary."

BGM EC 785 REPORT OF THE BUDGET REVIEW OFFICER

Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer, noted that United Mission (UM) giving is down from a year ago and suggested that we need to think about how we will manage financially going forward so that we don't go back to what we had done in the past.

Key highlights of the financial report for the year ending April 30, 2022 were included in the written report prepared by Alan Musoke, Associate General Secretary for Finance/CFO/Treasurer. The year-to-date financials show a surplus of \$780,000. The following activity is based on the financials excluding the Biennial. There was a Biennial in 2021. Net revenue compared to last year is up \$801,000. Revenue is up primarily due to the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan and Transition Ministries increased by three ministers in 2022. Expenses as compared to last year are higher by \$223,000. This is primarily due to NetSuite fees and implementation costs, increase in Transition Ministries costs, and increase in travel.

ABCUSA received an additional PPP Loan in 2021 in the amount of \$744,802. The PPP Loan was forgiven in 2022 and was moved from a liability to income.

Total UM is \$1,942,736. This is a decrease of \$201,361 from the prior year. This represents a decrease of 9.39%.

BGM EC 786 2023 BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT UPDATE

Tina Kiernan will be giving an update at the board meeting on the current progress in planning the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit.

BGM EC 787 ORIENTATION TO AMERICAN BAPTIST LIFE (OTABL)

Zina Jacque joined the Executive Committee via Zoom. Zina Jacque and Judy Fackenthal are the OTABL Coordinators working with a planning team consisting of Region Executive Ministers and staff partners. The focus of OTABL in 2023 will have a relational nature focusing on equipping, connecting, and inspiring. With this focus in mind, Zina shared consideration on rebranding OTABL.

The BGM Executive Committee approved rebranding OTABL by voice consensus.

BGM EC 788 GENERAL SECRETARY SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The search committee received 382 responses to the “ABCUSA Survey Results: The Role of OGS 2022” and every region was represented. Jim Wolfe noted that the committee will not be held to a specific timeline.

BGM EC 789 ANTI-RACISM CONVENING TABLE

The members of the Anti-Racism Convening Table made the following requests of the BGM Executive Committee:

1. The Convening Table requested to use current funding for an in-person meeting in the fall; as well as, committing to a staff person. The BGM Executive Committee agreed to using current funds for an in-person meeting in the fall. While the BGM Executive Committee is engaged in this important area, they did not commit to a staff person at this time.
2. The Convening Table requested a BGM Executive Committee person to serve on the Convening Table and had previously requested a white male to serve on the Convening Table. Paul Higgins will serve on the Anti-Racism Convening Table.

The BGM Executive Committee affirmed the five areas outlined in the Commissions document regarding the establishment phase of a commission: goals, membership, convening table, funding, purpose and impact and welcomes input from the Convening Table in these areas.

BGM EC 790 BGM OFFERING

By consensus vote, the BGM Offering will be designated to assist with the travel expenses for international speakers at the International Religious Freedom Summit.

BGM EC 791 RECESS/CREDENTIALS & CAUCUS/RECONVENE

Judith Christiansen called to order the meeting of the Credentials and Caucus Committee. Judith Christiansen shared the draft of the updated guidelines included in the posted reports.

Karen Podsiadly made a motion and seconded by Michelle Nickens to receive the Report of Changed Relationships for Local Churches (1205.1:06/22) and to forward the report to the Board of General Ministries.

Vote passed.

Paul Higgins made a motion and seconded by Karen Podsiadly to adopt the updated guidelines for caucus funding.

Vote passed.

Paul Higgins made a motion and seconded by Karen Podsiadly for all caucuses to be eligible for equal funding of \$8000 for 2023.

Vote passed.

BGM EC 792 ADJOURNMENT

Jim Wolfe adjourned the BGM Executive Committee Meeting.

Submitted by,



Dr. C. Jeff Woods
General Secretary

CJW/kj

Documents attached

BGM EC Proposed Agenda (1101:06/22)

BGM EC Roster June 2022

Report of the ABCUSA General Secretary

ABCUSA President's Report

Anti-Racism Convening Table Update

ABCUSA Financial Report through April 2022

2023 Biennial Mission Summit Update

June BGM Integrated Schedule

BGM Executive Committee Minutes: March 2022 (1002:03/22)

Report of Changed Relationships (1205:1:06/22)

Orientation to American Baptist Life Update