



BGM Executive Committee
June 20, 2023
San Juan, Puerto Rico

MINUTES

Meeting Site: Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel
200 Convention Boulevard
San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00907
(787) 993-3500

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

Committee: Cedric Jones, PBA
Damaris Santiago-Lebron, PR
Shawna Simmons, INS
Karen Podsiadly, Past President

Chaplain: Cedric Jones, PBA

Parliamentarian: Bill Frederickson

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

On Monday, June 19, the BGM Executive Committee met for dinner and fellowship in the hotel's Sol Boardroom. On Tuesday, June 20, the BGM Executive Committee met again in the Sol Boardroom with Cedric Jones beginning the plenary session by lighting the Christ Candle in recognition of Christ's presence and sharing a devotion.

BGM EC 832 CALL TO ORDER
ABCUSA President Jim Wolfe called the meeting to order.

BGM EC 833 CONSENT AGENDA

Following the agenda, the BGM Executive Committee met in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Reports from this meeting are included with the filing of the minutes. Not all items from the agenda are listed here in the minutes. Motions and additional notes not included in the reports are included in these minutes.

MOTION: Cedric Jones made a motion and seconded by Karen Podsiadly to accept the agenda items dated June 20, 2023 and to approve the minutes of the March 2-4, 2023 BGM Executive Committee Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Approved with no objections.

BGM EC 834 REPORT FROM THE ABCUSA PRESIDENT

ABCUSA President Jim Wolfe shared highlights of his report since last meeting in March in Orlando, FL, which included an update on the General Secretary Search Committee. Jim mentioned there has been a good choice of candidates from the applications received. For more details on Jim Wolfe's Report, please reference the "Report from the ABCUSA President."

BGM EC 835 REPORT FROM THE ABCUSA GENERAL SECRETARY

ABCUSA General Secretary Jeff Woods shared that we are entering the final stages of the strategic intentional interim period. This has been a period of clarifying the role of the Office of the General Secretary, transforming the culture of the office, renewing staff morale, and achieving milestones made possible by people working together across regional and national boundaries.

On December 23, 2022, President Biden signed the Burma Act Bill into legislation as a part of the National Defense Authorization Act. Jeff participated in a New Year's Day Service with the leaders of the National Unity Government of Myanmar. The Acting President of Myanmar, Duwa Lashi La, said that this is the greatest gift that one country can give to another country. This accomplishment, along with several other ministry updates, is provided in the "Report from the ABCUSA General Secretary."

BGM EC 836 REPORT OF THE BUDGET REVIEW OFFICER

Budget Review Officer Paul Higgins gave a brief overview of the 2022 Audited Financial Statement of the independent certified public accountants, Tait, Weller & Baker LLP.

Paul Higgins referred to the financial report prepared by Alan Musoke, highlighted in the year-to-date financial report for the year ending April 30, 2023 and included in the written report prepared by Alan Musoke, Associate General Secretary for Finance/CFO/Treasurer.

The report of the independent certified public accountants, Tait, Weller & Baker LLP and the financial report are both included with the minutes.

BGM EC 837 2023 BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT UPDATE

Jim announced that the required number of delegates for the business session has been met and over 1200 people have registered for the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit.

BGM EC 838 2023 BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT

MOTION: Shawna Simmons made a motion and seconded by Paul Higgins to request the Office of the General Secretary look into other avenues, in addition to convention centers, for the next Biennial Mission Summit.

Suggestion was made for a proposal before the new General Secretary begins.

Approved with no objections.

BGM EC 839 ENGAGE 2023!

Co-leaders Judy Fackenthal and Zina Jacque did a tremendous job on planning. Numbers of those attending this year are much higher than in years past.

BGM EC 840 RECESS/CREDENTIALS AND CAUCUS COMMITTEE/RECONVENE

Michelle Nickens called to order the meeting of the Credentials & Caucus Committee.

MOTION: Cedric Jones made a motion and seconded by Damaris Santiago-Lebron to receive the Report of Changed Relationships for Local Churches (1205.1:06/23) and to forward the report to the Board of General Ministries.

Approved with no objections.

MOTION: Karen Podsiadly made a motion and seconded by Cedric Jones proposing a caucus budget of \$64,000 for 2024 be approved.

There are eight caucuses with each caucus receiving \$8000.

Approved with no objections.

BGM EC 841 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,



Dr. C. Jeff Woods
General Secretary

CJW/kj

Documents attached

BGM EC Proposed Agenda (1101:06/23)

BGM Executive Committee Minutes: March 2023 (1002:03/23)

June 2023 BGM Executive Committee Roster

June BGM EC Integrated Schedule

Report from the ABCUSA President

Report from the ABCUSA General Secretary

ABCUSA Financial Report through April 30, 2023

Financial Statements and Reports of the Independent CPAs Dec. 31, 2022 and 2021

Options for 2025 Biennial Mission Summit

2025 Mission Summit Invitation ABC-NE

2027 Mission Summit Invitation ABC-CPC