



BGM Executive Committee
November 2-3, 2023
King of Prussia, PA

MINUTES

Meeting Site: Crowne Plaza
260 Mall Boulevard
King of Prussia, PA 19406
(610) 265-7500

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

*Nikita McCalister, ABCUSA President Elect and
Tom Ross, ABCUSA Vice President Elect attended as observers.*

On Thursday, November 2, the BGM Executive Committee met for dinner and fellowship in the hotel's Wayne Room. On Friday, November 3, the BGM Executive Committee met again in the Wayne Room with Cedric Jones beginning the meeting by lighting the Christ Candle in recognition of Christ's presence and sharing a devotion.

BGM EC 854 CALL TO ORDER
ABCUSA President Jim Wolfe called the meeting to order.

BGM EC 855 CONSENT AGENDA

Following the agenda, the BGM Executive Committee met in King of Prussia, PA. 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 November 2-3, 2023, and to approve the minutes of the September 7-9, 2023, BGM Executive Committee Meeting in Cincinnati, OH.

Approved with no objections.

BGM EC 856 REPORT FROM THE ABCUSA PRESIDENT

ABCUSA President Jim Wolfe shared highlights of his report since last meeting in September in Cincinnati, OH, which included an update on the General Secretary Search Committee. Jim shared his gratitude for all those on the search committee and shared his excitement for the anticipated vote on the General Secretary to take place during the board meetings. For more details on Jim Wolfe's Report, please reference the "Report from the ABCUSA President."

BGM EC 857 REPORT FROM THE ABCUSA GENERAL SECRETARY

Jeff Woods shared highlights of his report since the last meeting in September in Cincinnati, OH. Jeff began his report by stating,

"As we enter the final stage of the strategic intentional interim period, I am pleased to announce that nearly all the items on the strategic plan have been completed. During this time frame, we have clarified the role of the Office of the General Secretary, transformed the culture of the office, renewed staff morale, and achieved several milestones only made possible by people working together across regional and national boundaries. One of the major accomplishments during this period is the clarification of the mission priorities of ABCUSA."

More on this and other highlights are found in the "Report from the ABCUSA General Secretary."

BGM EC 858 REPORT OF THE BUDGET REVIEW OFFICER

The Budget Review Officer Paul Higgins shared the report, which is included in the reports, with these minutes.

BGM EC 859 BGM DIRECTORS HANDBOOK ON GUESTS

The BGM Executive Committee recommended an additional statement to the Board of General Ministries Director's Handbook regarding guests' charges and protocols.

"Spouses/guests are welcome to attend the meals with the directors. Guests would not be charged for the first evening banquet. All other meals/travel expenses are the responsibility of the guest. Directors planning to bring a spouse/guest should inform the Office of Travel and Conference Planning prior to the meeting."

BGM EC 860 PROPOSED BURMA ADVOCACY GROUP (BAG) STRUCTURE

See the proposed structure included in the meeting's reports.

MOTION: Michelle Nickens made a motion and seconded by Damaris Lebron-Santiago to affirm the structure as noted in the reports for the Burma Advocacy Group.

Approved with no objections.

BGM EC 861 BGM OFFERING

The BGM Executive Committee decided that the offering collected at BGM will support humanitarian aid relief in the Middle East.

BGM EC 862 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 (1205.1:11/23) and to forward the report to the Board of General Ministries.

Approved with no objections.

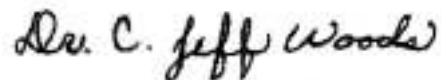
BGM EC 863 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Before adjourning the meeting, the Executive Committee met in Executive Session to discuss Housing Allowances. Actions taken during this meeting were placed in a sealed envelope and filed with the official minutes in the General Secretary's office.

BGM EC 864 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,



Dr. C. Jeff Woods

General Secretary

CJW/kj

Documents attached.

BGM EC Proposed Agenda (1101:11/23)

BGM Executive Committee Minutes: September 2023 (1002:09/23)

November 2023 BGM Executive Committee Roster

November 2023 BGM EC Integrated Schedule

Report from the ABCUSA President

Report from the ABCUSA General Secretary

ABCUSA Financial Report as of September 30, 2023

Proposed ABCUSA Budget 2024

Report of Changed Relationships

Letter to Frank Frischkorn: Task Force

Proposed BAG Structure Introductory Letter

BGM Handbook Update Meals for Guests