

**OVERTURE 5** from the Pacific Northwest Presbytery (to CCB, OC, AC)  
“Amend *RAO* 5-1.a that AC Members Elected by GA Must Be from Different  
Presbyteries”

**Be it resolved**, the 53<sup>rd</sup> GA amend *RAO* 5-1.a as follows (underlining for additions;  
~~strikethrough~~ for deletions):

***RAO* 5. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**5-1.** The Administrative Committee of General Assembly (AC) shall consist of  
twenty (20) members:

- a. Eleven members in classes elected through the standard nomination and  
election procedure; No person may be elected as one of the 11 members of the  
AC if there is already a member from the same Presbytery; but if a person is  
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So that the amended paragraph will read as follows:

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**Rationale:**

1. This amendment is identical to the provision governing the SJC in *BCO* 15-4.
2. *BCO* 14-1.9 stipulates: The GA's committees are to include proportionate representation of  
all presbyteries, wherever possible. That can be easily achievable with 11 elected members  
of the AC. But while the proportionality provision is considered by the GA Nominating  
Committee, it might be overlooked when floor nominations are being considered at GA.
3. At present, the 11 members of the AC include two from Houston Metro, two from  
Mississippi Valley (affiliated with the same church), and two from Calvary (on staff in the  
same church).
4. Last year, the GA Nominating Committee prudently declined to consider a Ruling Elder  
who was nominated by his Presbytery for one of our Permanent Committees because his  
son was already serving on that Committee. If that makes sense for one Permanent  
Committee, then it should make sense for the AC.
5. The AC is unique among the several elected GA Committees and Agency Boards and has  
a "unique role" (*RAO* 5-4). The AC has authority to recommend the annual budgets of each  
Program Committee and Agency. AC nominates Stated Clerks. *RAO* 10-1 stipulates: "Final  
approval of all decisions regarding the Assembly rest in the Administrative Committee,"  
including recommending locations.<sup>1</sup> AC is the only Committee for which the *RAO*

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<sup>1</sup> *RAO* 10-8. Ordinarily the AC will bring General Assembly sites before the Assembly for approval before any  
contracts are finalized. However, the Administrative Committee shall be authorized to finalize contracts with  
hotels and convention centers before obtaining General Assembly approval when circumstances arise wherein

1 encourages financial support from churches, specifies an annual "Administrative Fee  
2 [from] Ministers", and requires the other 9 Permanent Committees and Agencies to  
3 financially support the AC. (RAO 5-4).

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6 *Approved at Pacific Northwest Presbytery's Stated Meeting on October 10, 2025.*  
7 *PNW appointed an Overtures Commission with authority to refile if deemed necessary.*  
8 *Attested to by: TE Jerid Krulish, Clerk, Pacific NW Presbytery*

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the Administrative Committee approves the site, the presbytery (or presbyteries) has/have agreed to host the Assembly, good facilities at favorable rates are available, and the opportunity may be lost if a delay in finalizing the contract must await approval at the next General Assembly.