

1 **OVERTURE 43** from the Pacific Northwest Presbytery (to CCB, OC, AC, CDM,
2 MNA, MTW, RUF)

3 “Amend *RAO* 4-9 so that Coordinators of Committees are Elected to 4-year Terms”
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5 **Be it resolved** that the 53rd GA amend *RAO* 4-9 as shown below. Proposed additions are
6 shown underlined; deletions shown by ~~striketrough~~.

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8 **RAO Article IV – Committees and Agencies**
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10 **4-9.** The four program Committees shall nominate ~~annually~~ a coordinator for
11 election by the General Assembly for a four-year term. The Administrative
12 Committee shall also nominate ~~annually~~ a Stated Clerk for election by the
13 General Assembly for a four-year term. These men may serve multiple,
14 successive terms if reelected to such. If the nominee has not been examined
15 by the Theological Examining Committee, such an examination must take
16 place prior to the election when it is a first time employment. ~~A~~ After
17 election, a new coordinator or Stated Clerk shall assume office at the end
18 of the Assembly meeting, or at such time thereafter as designated by the
19 General Assembly.
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21 **Rationale**
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- 23 1. It's more reasonable to elect a Clerk and Coordinators for 4-years rather than annually.
24 Note: The 11 members of AC are elected for four-year terms and the members of CDM,
25 MNA, MTW, and RUF are elected to 5-year terms.
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- 27 2. In order to do their job, the Clerk and some Coordinators need to live near the PCA office—
28 or visit it frequently. It's not reasonable to relocate a family for a one-year term.
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- 30 3. The *RAO* does not require the Presidents or Executive Directors of our five Agencies to be
31 renominated and reelected every year (i.e., Covenant College, Covenant Theological
32 Seminary, Geneva Benefits Group, PCA Foundation, and Ridge Haven).
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- 34 4. In the rare instance where a man needs to be replaced during his term for cause, the
35 Permanent Committee can still recommend such to the General Assembly.
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- 37 5. This change would be effective with the elections at the 53rd GA in Louisville in 2026.
38 Proposed *RAO* changes are usually considered on Tuesday evening, before any elections
39 on Wednesday and Thursday.
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- 41 6. The initial, new terms would expire for these men at the same GA (2030). But over time
42 these would likely stagger as men leave those roles of their own volition prior to expiration
43 of a term.
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Overture 43, Pacific Northwest Presbytery

- 1 *Adopted by the Pacific Northwest Presbytery at its stated meeting, February 6, 2026.*
- 2 *Revised and adopted by an Overtures Commission on February 10, 2026.*
- 3 *Attested by TE Jerid Krulish, Stated Clerk*