

1 **OVERTURE 5** from the Pacific Northwest Presbytery—**REVISED** (to CCB, OC, AC)
2 “Amend *RAO* 5-1.a to Stipulate that AC Members Elected by GA Must Be from
3 Different Presbyteries”
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5 **Be it resolved**, the 53rd GA amend *RAO* 5-1.a as shown below (underlining for additions;
6 ~~striketrough~~ for deletions):
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8 ***RAO* 5. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

9 **5-1.** The Administrative Committee of General Assembly (AC) shall consist of
10 twenty (20) members:

- 11 a. Eleven members in classes elected through the standard nomination and
12 election procedure; No person may be elected as one of these 11 members or
13 as an alternate if there is already a member from the same Presbytery. But if
14 a person changes Presbyteries after being elected he may continue to serve his
15 full term.
16 b. One member each from the following program Committees or Agencies: ...
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18 So that the amended paragraph will read as follows:

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22 election procedure. No person may be elected as one of these 11 members if
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24 Presbyteries after being elected he may continue to serve his full term.
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27 **Rationale:**

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29 1. This amendment is similar to the provision governing SJC membership in *BCO* 15-4.
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31 2. *BCO* 14-1.9 says: "The GA's committees are to include proportionate representation of all
32 presbyteries, *wherever possible*." [emphasis added] That is easily achievable with 11
33 members of AC. But while the proportionality provision is considered by the Nominating
34 Committee, it can easily be overlooked when floor nominations are considered at GA.
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36 3. At present, the 11 members in the four AC classes include two members each from three
37 Presbyteries. This seems contrary to *BCO* 14-1.9.
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39 4. The AC is unique among the 10 GA Permanent Committees and Agency Boards and has a
40 "unique role" (*RAO* 5-4). For example, the AC has authority to recommend the annual
41 budgets of each Program Committee and Agency.
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1 And *RAO* 10-1 provides: "Final approval of all decisions regarding the Assembly
2 [arrangements] rest in the Administrative Committee," including customarily finalizing
3 GA locations without formal GA approval.¹
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5 And AC is the only Committee for which (a) the *RAO* encourages financial support from
6 churches, (b) specifies an annual "Administrative Fee" from Ministers, and (c) requires the
7 other 9 Permanent Committees and Agencies to financially support the AC. (*RAO* 5-4).
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10 *Approved at Pacific Northwest Presbytery's Stated Meeting on October 10, 2025.*

11 *Attested to by: TE Jerid Krulish, Clerk, Pacific NW Presbytery*

12 *Revision approved by a PNW Overtures Commission with authority to do so, on February*
13 *12, 2026.*

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