

1 **OVERTURE 68** from the Catawba Valley Presbytery (to CCB, OC, AC, CC, CDM, CTS,  
2 Geneva, MNA, MTW, PCAF, RH, RUF)

3 “Amend *BCO* 14-1 to Make AC Members Appointed by Committees and Agencies  
4 Nonvoting Members”  
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6 **Whereas** the Administrative Committee (AC) serves the General Assembly as its  
7 coordinating body and acts on its behalf between Assemblies; and  
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9 **Whereas** it is fitting that the Administrative Committee, as the Assembly's servant body,  
10 derives its authority solely from and remains directly accountable to the General  
11 Assembly; and  
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13 **Whereas** the present structure of the Administrative Committee includes members not elected  
14 for the purpose of serving on the Administrative Committee, and  
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16 **Whereas** while the reporting and advisory presence of representatives from the permanent  
17 committees and agencies remains valuable for the coordination and communication of  
18 the Assembly's work, their voting participation within the Administrative Committee  
19 creates potential confusion regarding lines of accountability and governance; and  
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21 **Whereas** the clarity of representative authority and parity between Teaching and Ruling  
22 Elders may be best preserved by ensuring that all voting members of the  
23 Administrative Committee are those directly elected by the General Assembly;  
24 therefore  
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26 **Resolved**, that *Book of Church Order* 14-1.12 be amended as follows (underlining for  
27 additions; ~~striketrough~~ for deletions):  
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- 29 12. The Assembly permanent committees are the Administrative Committee of  
30 General Assembly, Committee on Discipleship Ministries, Committee on  
31 Mission to North America, Committee on Mission to the World, and  
32 Committee on Reformed University Fellowship.

33 The Administrative Committee of General Assembly (AC) shall  
34 consist of twenty (20) members:

- 35 a. Eleven voting members in classes elected through the standard  
36 nomination and election procedure,  
37 b. One nonvoting member each from the following program  
38 committees or agencies: They shall be entitled to the privilege of  
39 the floor but shall not have a vote and may not be excluded when  
40 an executive session is called.  
41 1. Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM);  
42 2. Covenant College (CC);  
43 3. Covenant Theological Seminary (CTS);  
44 4. Mission to North America (MNA);  
45 5. Mission to the World (MTW);

- 1 6. PCA Foundation (PCAF);
- 2 7. Geneva Benefits Group, Inc. (Geneva);
- 3 8. Reformed University Fellowship (RUF);
- 4 9. Ridge Haven Conference Center (RH).

5 The eleven members at large shall serve a term of four years. The  
6 chairman of the Administrative Committee shall be one of its members at  
7 large.

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9 **Be it further resolved** that on the final adoption of the above amendment to *BCO* 14-1.12 by  
10 the 54<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, *RAO* 5-1 be amended to agree as follows (underlining for  
11 additions; ~~striketrough~~ for deletions):

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13 **5-1.** The Administrative Committee of General Assembly (AC) shall consist of  
14 twenty (20) members:

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16 nomination and election procedure,
- 17 b. One nonvoting member each from the following program  
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19 the floor but shall not have a vote and may not be excluded when  
20 an executive session is called.
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32 *Adopted by the Catawba Valley Presbytery at its called meeting, April 11, 2026*

33 *Attested by TE Scott Deneen, Stated Clerk*