

1 **OVERTURE 68** from the Catawba Valley Presbytery (to 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 54th 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
18 committees or agencies: They shall be entitled to the privilege of
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*