

Standing Rules

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Standing Rule #1

Deadlines for Presbytery Meetings

All business to come before the presbytery must be submitted in writing to the Stated Clerk no later than 21 days prior to the date of the stated or calling meeting. Business not submitted by the deadline is treated as new business. It is the responsibility of the maker of the motion to provide hard copies for all commissioners. The Stated Clerk will post the docket and all relevant documents no later than 7 days prior to a Stated Meeting. (Approved 10/22/16)

Standing Rule #2

Limitations on Committee Ministry Service

In an effort to engage diverse voices from across the presbytery and honor the commitment of time and energy of ministry members, individuals may not serve concurrently on more than one of the following committees and subcommittees: CCM, CLD, Mission, Youth/Young Adults/ and Campus Ministry, Campus Ministry subcommittee (except those automatically assigned to Youth, Young Adults, and Campus Ministry), Administration, Future of the Church, or Disaster Preparedness. An exception is made for those who are automatically members of more than one ministry, committee or subcommittee by virtue of office or role in the presbytery. (Approved 10/22/16)

Standing Rule #3

Terms of Service for Presbytery Leadership (Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Past Moderator)

The terms of service for the Past Moderator (as moderator of Coordinating Team), Moderator of Presbytery and Vice-Moderator of Presbytery shall be from January 1-December 31 of each year of service. (NB if Section 4 of the O&S is amended, the titles will be changed to reflect the change) (Approved 2/17/17)

Rationale: The presbytery practice of starting the program and committee service years on January 1 but delaying the moderatorial start until after the installation service in February is confusing and constitutionally unnecessary. An individual is elected Vice-Moderator with the express understanding that it is a three-year cycle of service. That service is begun in the year following election (normally in October of the calendar year preceding the year of service as Vice-Moderator). Just as a Teaching Elder may begin service in a congregational setting weeks or even months before their installation, the Moderator and Vice Moderator of Presbytery can do the same. As currently practiced, the installation service is more akin to the investiture of a bishop than the installation of a leader in the Reformed tradition.

Standing Rule #4

Ex-Officio Members and Quorum

Ex-officio members of the Coordinating Team (Moderator of Presbytery, Vice-Moderator of Presbytery, General Presbyter, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer) shall count toward the presence of a quorum pursuant to the rules set forth in the Organization and Structure and Committee and Ministry Duties sections of the Presbytery Ministry Manual. (Approved 2/17/17)

Standing Rule #5

Terms of Service for Coordinating Team Members from Ministry Area

Members of the CT appointed to represent ministry areas or committees shall remain members of CT until their successors are named. If an individual is no longer an active member of the committee he/she represented, the position is declared vacant until a successor is named. (Approved 2/17/17)