

## MINUTES

### **Twenty-Eighth General Conference International Pentecostal Holiness Church**

**Thursday, July 27, 2017**

#### **Morning Business Session**

The Thursday morning business session of the 28<sup>th</sup> General Conference convened at 9 a.m. with the praise and worship song, “One Thing Remains,” led by Rev. Greg Terry.

The Chairman called the session to order at 9:06 a.m. Dr. James Davis, representing the Billion Soul Network, gave the Scripture reading and invocation.

Bishop D. Chris Thompson recognized church planters and presented the chairman with a puzzle of the United States showing the states that have an IPHC presence. Two states – Wyoming and Rhode Island – have yet to have a PH church. Delegates viewed a video presentation focusing on the ministry of the Evangelism USA Division.

The Corporate Secretary read the Minutes of the Wednesday afternoon business session. **ADOPTED**

Delegate count for the Thursday morning session included:

Clergy: 649  
Church: 294  
Retired: 58  
Total: 1,001  
Visitor: 265

Rev. Bob Ely, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, continued the section-by-section consideration of the Bylaws Committee Report.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the Executive Director of Discipleship Ministries. The following names were placed in nomination: Bishop Thomas H. McGhee and Bishop Adam Villarreal.

Article II. Organizational Structure – Conference was adopted as amended.

The chairman announced the results of the ballot:

McGhee 629  
Villarreal 128

The Chairman invited the re-elected Executive Director, Thomas H. McGhee, to greet the delegates. He expressed his appreciation to the delegates for their confidence and pledged his commitment to resourcing local churches for the ministry of discipleship. He also challenged delegates to change their reference to those under 40 years old from the “next generation” to the “NOW generation”.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the Executive Director of World Missions Ministries. The following names were placed in nomination: Bishop J. Talmadge Gardner, Rev. Greg Hood, Rev. Matt Bennett, and Dr. Harold Dalton.

The chairman announced the results of the ballot:

Gardner 423

Bennett 230

Dalton 110

Hood 47

The Chairman invited re-elected Executive Director, J. Talmadge Gardner, to greet the delegates. He expressed his appreciation to the delegates for their continued trust and expressed his appreciation to his family for their constant support.

The Chairman then called for the vote for the Corporate Officers. The person receiving the highest number of votes would become Vice-Chairman; the second highest amount of votes would be Corporate Secretary; and the person receiving the least amount of votes would serve as Corporate Treasurer.

The chairman announced the results of the ballot:

Thomas H. McGhee, Vice-Chairman - 429

J. Talmadge Gardner, Corporate Secretary - 245

Garry Bryant, Corporate Treasurer - 148

The Bylaws Committee accepted the proposal to include the word “prayer” in the opening verbiage in Article III. Organizational Structure – Local Churches. Line 3-4 would now read: “A church is a group of believers in Christ who meet, regularly, preferably weekly, for biblical worship, prayer, learning, and mission.

Article III. Organizational Structure – Local Churches, Sections A and B were adopted.

A motion was made to add the phrase “when possible, and in consultation with the conference executive council.” to C. Local Church Organizational Structure, 1, b, 6), a). ADOPTED

Article III. Organizational Structure – Local Churches, Section C was adopted as amended.

The Committee accepted the proposal to change the designation “FBI” to the word “national” in Article IV. Clergy, B., 2, e.

A motion was made to add the words “for every state that the applicant has lived in” to Article IV. Clergy, B., 2, e. ADOPTED

The Chairman introduced John Dawson, speaker for the special training session at 11:00am. John Dawson currently helps give oversight to Aglow International and March for Jesus International. He is founder and international president of Youth With A Mission-Los Angeles.

The morning business session was recessed at 10:45 a.m.