

# MINUTES

## Twenty-Ninth General Conference International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Friday, July 29, 2022

### Morning Business Session

Dr. Kevin Robinson, Director of Multicultural Ministries, North Carolina Conference, gave the scripture reading from Isaiah 2:1-5 with brief remarks followed by an invocation.

The Chairman called the session to order at 9:15 a.m.

General Superintendent Beacham recognized General Superintendent Scotty Poole of the Congregational Holiness Church by inviting him to sit in the front row of the assembly.

Corporate Secretary Bishop J. Talmadge Gardner noted two edits from the Wednesday Afternoon Business Session Minutes.

He then proceeded to read the Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, morning and afternoon business session minutes.

The minutes were adopted as read, noting the omission of two names from the memoirs report of former members of the General Executive Board and General Board of Administration. Those names were Arthur Rabon Stewart and Maggie Doyce Dunn.

General Superintendent Beacham invited President D. Chris Thompson to the platform to lead the General Conference in prayer prior to the continuation of the election of General Conference Officials.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Executive Director of Evangelism USA. The following names were placed in nomination: Bishop Garry Bryant and Rev. Stacy Hilliard.

The Chairman announced the results:

Bryant 532  
Hilliard 341

The General Conference rose in a standing ovation to honor the reelection of Bishop Garry Bryant.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for the Executive Director of World Missions Ministries. Bishop J. Talmadge Gardner was nominated and there were no other nominees. Bishop Gardner was elected by acclamation and honored by a standing ovation by the General Conference.

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 number of votes would be the Corporate Secretary; and the person receiving the least number of votes would serve as Corporate Treasurer.

The Chairman announced the results of the ballot:

J. Talmadge Gardner, Vice-Chairman 371  
Thomas H. McGhee, Corporate Secretary 286  
Garry Bryant, Corporate Treasurer 204

The Chairman then proceeded with the reading of the Bylaws Report.

Proposed amendment to page 98, line 24 through page 99, line 19, to strike the language under “2. General Ministries Cabinet”. MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 98, line 6 to read: “3) Providing resources for equipping church leaders in English, Spanish, and any other languages as needed.” MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 103, lines 3-4 to read: “The Director of Clergy Development shall be responsible for coordinating the Arise in Prayer ministries in conjunction with the ARISE 2033 Vision of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church”. MOTION FAILED

Proposed amendment to page 115, line 11 through page 116, line 3 to strike the language under “8. Operations”. MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 103, lines 5-16 to restore the original language under “3) Communication Services”. MOTION ADOPTED

The General Conference adopted Article I – Organizational Structure – General Level, H. Global Ministries Center.

The Bylaws Committee Chair began reading changes from Article II. Organizational Structure – Conferences in its entirety.

The Chairman noted an editorial change needed to page 119, line 17 to replace the word “Oversight” with “Advancement”.

The Chairman paused the reading of the Bylaws Report to inform the General Conference of the news that Bishop Randell Drake’s father, Mr. Orville Drake, was experiencing a medical emergency. Chairman Beacham led the General Conference in prayer on his behalf.

The Bylaws Committee Chair continued reading from Article II.

Proposed amendment to page 121, line 23 to insert “f) Spouses of deceased pastors or ministers who are in good standing with the conference as long as they remain unmarried.” MOTION ADOPTED

Proposed amendment to page 127, line 13 to the strike “the Conference Ministries Cabinet” and insert “and a copy forwarded to the General Superintendents office for archival purposes.” MOTION ADOPTED

The morning general session was recessed at 10:51 a.m.

At 11:00 a.m., the Chairman introduced Rev. Doug Small, President of Project Pray/IPHC Prayer Consultant, as the morning plenary session speaker.