

BILLS, OVERTURES & SESSION RECORDS COMMITTEE
Report to Presbytery of San Francisco
September 9, 2017

FOR INFORMATION

Overture Proposals

The next PCUSA General Assembly (the denomination's main national meeting, held every other year), will be in St. Louis from June 16 to June 23, 2018. If any Session is interested in proposing an overture (such as a change to the *Book of Order*) for consideration at the St. Louis meeting, please consult with our committee during September 2017. There are numerous steps required to advance an overture proposal from the local level to the national level, so starting the process by this month increases the chances of being able to schedule the necessary meetings in time to request the various levels of approval needed. To date, the BOSR Committee is aware of three overture proposals that may be submitted for consideration by this Presbytery. However, we have not yet received a Session request to act on any of these proposals, so there will be neither a first reading nor discussion and vote on overture proposals at the September 9 Presbytery meeting. As indicated in our committee's May report, it would have been necessary for Sessions to have initiated the process by early July, in order to meet scheduling deadlines for inclusion in the September Presbytery meeting.

Review of Session Minutes

The BOSR Committee continues to offer regular opportunities to review Session minutes. We normally perform these reviews during the Open Space portion of each Presbytery meeting. However, no Open Space sessions have been scheduled for the September 9 Presbytery meeting. In addition, it was not possible to schedule a review session for either before or after the Presbytery meeting. Therefore, we are unable to review Session minutes at this meeting, but intend to resume doing so at the November 14, 2017 Presbytery meeting. For your convenience, the review form is still included as a **FLYER** in the September 9 Presbytery meeting packet.

The committee also recognizes that Presbytery meeting times do not always accommodate Clerks of Session busy calendar schedules. Therefore, the committee desires to establish additional times (including nights and weekends) and venues in the future, for this purpose. In the meantime, Clerks of Session may contact the BOSR Committee to make individual arrangements for the review of their Session minutes, particularly since we were not able to perform reviews during the September 9 Presbytery meeting. BOSR would then consider the requests, so that they can schedule special review meetings accordingly.

We hope to explore the possibility of offering Clerk of Session training in 2018, but are meanwhile still trying to determine the most effective way of presenting the material. Our committee can help with general questions. Contact me via marc@missionbaycc.org and I will try to have a BOSR Committee member get in touch with you.