**Rev Adam Humphries**

**Convener**

**Selection Committee**

**1 November 2019**

Dear Adam,

The Code and General Administration Committee was instructed by the General Assembly to suggest adjustments to the regulations of the Selection Committee (see GAV 2019, Min. 76.5). In carrying out our research, we discovered that the regs were not particularly well written and we have seen a number of minor ways in which they can be improved.

The following is the result of our work so far, and we pause to see if your committee will support this, i.e. to alter the regs so as they will read:

**3. Duties**

The committee shall:

a) unless otherwise expressly provided for in the rules or regulations of the General Assembly, nominate to the General Assembly the members and conveners of all General Assembly committees (which term herein includes boards and councils) and publish these nominations in the White Book;

b) receive other such nominations made by members of the General Assembly, provided that notice of these nominations has been given in writing to the convener not later than noon on Tuesday of the General Assembly and submit any such nominations for determination and appointment by ballot at 12:15pm on the Wednesday of the General Assembly;

c) as far as possible, consult with the committees concerned prior to nominating members and or conveners;

d) obtain, in the case of nominations of new members of any committee, if possible, the consent of nominees;

e) after consultation with the committee concerned, fill any casual vacancy on the committee or the convenership thereof up to the next meeting of the General Assembly;

f) ensure, whether nominations are made by the committee itself or by members of the General Assembly during the week the General Assembly meets, that except for those holding office ‘ex officio’:

i) no minister shall be a member of more than four committees other than ad hoc committees;

ii) for committees of eight or more members, there shall be a maximum of three members from a single congregation;

iii) for committees of seven or less members, there shall be a maximum of two members from a single congregation;

g) where a ballot becomes necessary, mark the names of the retiring members of the committee concerned with an asterisk; and circulate to members of the Assembly a brief statement of the qualifications of all the nominees and their church affiliation prepared by the Assembly Clerk;

h) where directed by the General Assembly, nominate special committees, ad hoc committees and commissions;

i) when nominations are required for the position of Moderator-General:

i) call on presbyteries to make nominations for the position with replies to be in the hands of the convener by 31 July of that year; and

ii) submit names of nominees to the General Assembly for determination by ballot;

j) bring General Assembly of Australia committee or commission nominations to the General Assembly of Victoria for approval, or if necessary by reason of timing, make nominations on behalf of the Assembly;

k) revise nominations to meetings of the General Assembly of Australia in the following circumstances:

i) the Moderator is nominated for a second term (i.e. is also Moderator Designate);

ii) the Moderator Designate is an elder;

iii) the number of ‘Sanctioned Charges’ in the Presbyterian Church of Victoria changes resulting in a differing number of commissioners being eligible under GAA ‘Code’ 1.4;

l) fill any vacancies or casual vacancies that may arise before any meeting of the General Assembly of Australia.

With warm regards,

John P Wilson

(Convener, CGAC and Clerk of Assembly)