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Internet Maintenance Committee Report

2022 Spring Meeting — Lafayette, IN March 3-5, 2022

Dear Fathers & Brethren,

At our most recent fall meeting (11/5/21), presbytery adopted a motion to "instruct the AIC to... (2) Appoint two new members to the Internet Maintenance Committee, and (3) Work with the clerk(s) and Internet Maintenance Committee, in light of Keith Evans' transfer to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, to implement a plan for managing the delegates list and GLG website heading into the spring of 2022."

On 11/5/21, presbytery also decided to "refer the matter concerning the proper method of public access to presbytery documents [AIC Minutes, 10/22/21] to the Internet Maintenance Committee to report back with a proposal in the spring of 2022."

On 1/13/22, the AIC adopted a motion "to appoint Adam Kuehner and Nathan Eshelman as the temporary Internet Maintenance Committee [IMC] through March 2022 and to grant a \$250 stipend to a member of that committee or to one hired by the committee having expertise to handle the technical details related to the Presbytery's internet functions."

In response to these actions of the court, the IMC promptly secured the services of a highly qualified brother to serve as our Internet Maintenance Technician (IMT) *pro tem*. Andrew Imeson, a well-respected, techsavvy member of the Southfield congregation¹ with ample experience in the IT field (Covenant Eyes), has agreed to fulfill the tasks previously assigned to the IMC. This includes Keith Evans' oversight of the delegates email list and dissemination of the spring omnibus. It also includes Zachary Blackwood's management of the presbytery website, and strict implementation of all presbytery directives relative to online document accessibility.

Our understanding of the current temporary arrangement is that Andrew's \$250 stipend will cover his initial workload of preparation for the spring meeting. Then, if reappointed by the court to serve as IMT in the coming year, he would receive an annual stipend of \$500. This would also entail the dissolution of the IMC, with Andrew reporting directly to the presbytery clerks as such.

With respect to "the matter concerning the proper method of public access to presbytery documents," your newly-appointed IMC members (and their newly-hired IMT *pro tem*) believe that more time is needed to formulate an adequate proposal. Our recommendations are as follows.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That presbytery establish the ongoing role of Internet Maintenance Technician (IMT) to be appointed each spring, with an annual stipend of \$500, to handle the technical details related to the Presbytery's internet functions.
- (2) That presbytery approve the reappointment of IMT pro tem, Andrew Imeson, to serve as IMT until the Spring of 2023.
- (3) That presbytery reassign the oversight of all presbytery internet maintenance functions to the clerks of presbytery.
- (4) That presbytery refer the matter concerning the proper method of public access to presbytery documents [AIC Minutes, 10/22/21] to the clerks, to report back with a proposal at the 2022 synod meeting of presbytery.
- (5) That presbytery dissolve the Internet Maintenance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted, Adam Kuehner, Ch. Nathan Eshelman

¹ While Andrew is presently being considered by the session as a diaconal nominee, he is not an elder. During executive session, we commonly permit those managing our audio/visual technology (e.g. Andrew at our fall meeting in Southfield) to remain in the room on the honor system. In his new role, Andrew would be operating in similar fashion with respect to his handling of any sensitive presbytery documents.