

1. Call to Order – Bill Crowder
2. Open Worship Music
3. Open Meditation – Bill Crowder
4. Roll Call – by signature

CHURCHES	PASTOR	ELDER
CrossRoads	Mary Teresa Orshonsky	Rich Schuler
LaCapilla	Pedro Windsor	
Mt. Greenwood	Bill Crowder	Carol Alkema
Downer Grove	James Even	Judy Bury
Christ Community	Chad De Jager	Jim Ozinga Tom Lemmenes
Taiwanese	Sonny Lai	Dennis Suda
Ivanhoe		Earl Vander Wall
Faith, Stickney	Christopher Poest	Christie Luczak
Faith, West Chicago	Shane Sterk	Tim Wierenga

Specialized Ministers:

Steve Young, Joe Paglia, Scott Manetsch, Jewel Willis Thomas,
Marjorie Vander Wagen.

Officers and Committee Chair:

Richard Van Swol, Daniel Luczak

Guest: Wayne Van Regenmorter.

5. Granting the privilege of the floor to Guests

GEN-17-W-1 Motion made, seconded and carried to grant the privilege of the floor to the guests.

6. Establishment of the order of the day

Boundaries of the house to be the room in which the meeting is being held.

7. Approval of the minutes and clerical business.

GEN-17-W-2 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the Fall Stated Session on November 5, 2016.

GEN-17-W-3 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the requests for excused absences. (Felix Theonugraha, Peter Semeyn, Wendy Haack)

GEN-17-W-4 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the Roll Call by signature.

GEN-17-W-5 Motion made, seconded and carried to authorize the Coordinating Committee to approve the Reading of the Journal.

8. Stated Clerk's Report on Actions Ordered and Unfinished Business.

Consistorial Reports are due February 18, 2017
They may be submitted electronically.

Delegates to General Synod are coming from normal rotation. The 2017 General Synod will be held on the campus of Hope College in Holland, Michigan. It will begin on the afternoon of Thursday, June 8, and will adjourn on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

9. President's Update on the State of the Classis.

Report was given by Steve Orshonsky Chicago Classis President.

10. Reports of Standing Committees

Overture and Judicial Business Committee

OJB-17-W-1 To approve adoption of "Order for Christian Marriage" as part of the Liturgy of the Reformed Church in America (MGS 2016, R 16-14, p.84) was approved.

OJB-17-W-2 To approve Supervision of Candidates for Ministry who are Not Members of a Local Church (MGS 2016, R 16-30, pp 157-158) was denied.

OJB-17-W-3 To approve Marriages Solemnized in a Church or Congregation (MGS 2016, R 16-32, p.164) was approved.

OJB-17-W-4 To approve Regional Synod Responsibilities (MGS 2016, R 16-49, p.259) was approved.

OJB-17-W-5 To approve Appointment of Candidates to Churches without Installed Minister or Minister under Contract (MGS 2016, R 16-50, p.262) was approved.

OJB-17-W-6 To approve Church Membership (MGS 2016, R 16-52, pp.263-264) was approved.

OJB-17-W-7 To approve Appendix, Formulary No. 5 and Related Constitutional Provisions Applicable to Consistories and Classes (MGS 2016, R 16-53, pp. 264-266). was approved.

11. Reports of Permanent Committees

Candidate Care Committee – No Report

Pastoral Care Committee – No Report

Stewardship Committee

Rich Van Swol reported on our financial status and the assets under fund management.

12. Coordinating Committee

Minutes are available on the Classis website, www.rsmam.org/chicago-classis-webpage, and are for informational purposes only.

Dennis Suda gave a report from the Coordinating Committee Sub Committee on Classis structure.

COC-17-W-1 Motion was made seconded to combine the Candidate Care Committee and the Pastoral Care Committee. Motion was tabled.

COC-17-W-2 Motion was made seconded to have each committee look at the committee job description and make recommendations on their committee job description and submit to the Coordinating Committee by September 1, 2017. The Coordinating Committee will review the recommended changes of job descriptions for each respective committee and make and additional corrections or edits and send them to the classis for their review by October 10, 2017. The classis will vote on any changes that were submitted by each respective committee and by the coordinating committee. Motion was tabled.

13. Old Business

GEN-16-F-6.1 Motion made, seconded, and carried to send Motion GEN-16-F-6 to the Stewardship Committee for evaluation and consideration.

A report from Rich Van Swol was that the Stewardship Committee had heard from Downers Grove Church and Ron Ovitt and have approved this ministry.

GEN-16-F-6 Motion made and seconded to invest \$25,000 in 2017 in the Downers Grove Community church to partner with Rev. Ron Ovitt in a consulting and teaching role for Outreach and Evangelism. Motion passed.

14. New Business

A report was given by Chad De Jager on group that had been meeting.

GEN-17-W-6 Motion made, seconded and carried to instruct a committee led by Chad De Jager and composed of, Jim Even, Pedro Windsor, Jamie Sipsma, Rich Schuler, Jewel Willis Thomas, and alternate Rich Van Swol to investigate and come back with recommendations of deep change to structure of Chicago Classis by our next classis meeting.

Nominations Committee

GEN-17-W-7 Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the

following to serve in their corresponding offices:

President: Steve Orshonsky

Vice-President: Howard Hoekstra

Stated Clerk: Earl Vander Wall

Treasurer: Dan Luczak

Church Care Chairperson: Rich Schuler

Pastor Care Chairperson; Vacant

Stewardship Chairperson: Rich Van Swol

Candidate Care Chairperson: Bill Crowder

Overtures & Judicial Business: Christopher Poest

15. Time and Location of Next Session

Coordinating Committee: Sept. 18, 2017 at Calvary Church, Orland Park, IL

Fall Stated Session: October 21, 2017, 9:30 am at Downers Grove Community Church, 6600 Fairview Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60516.

15. Adjournment

GEN-17-W-8 Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer. Steve Orshonsky closed with prayer.

Steve Orshonsky-President

Earl Vander Wall-Stated Clerk