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Kerry:

As you know, the Rules of Discipline revision is a major piece of work that was coming to the 224th Assembly. As you may or may not know, it took a full year after its authorization at the 222nd GA to finally get the task force appointed – and frankly, we’ve been in “catch up” mode ever since. While our “final draft” has been submitted, the ACC’s recent review and comments led to quite a number of proposed amendments that, frankly, the task is likely to concur with.

Additionally, while we wrestled with and addressed in a number of places the use of electronic means of filing, communicating, and receiving testimony, we never envisioned a time when we could be needing to do what councils and even permanent judicial commissions are doing during this pandemic.

For those reasons, rather than being dismissed, we would like to propose that we be allowed to continue in existence in order to prepare a revised final draft taking both the ACC advice and recent events into account. We would agree to meet only electronically so that there would be no cost to the OGA resulting from our existence.

Please let me know if there is a way to get this request before COGA, or what you recommend. As you said this morning, this is still evolving, and we hope that means there is still an opportunity effect this change.

Thank you.

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