

## Local Rules

In the following section, the requirements found in the Book of Order for local rules are stated in the first and second column. The locally adopted rule or reference to the location of said rule is then given in the third column.

<u>Book of Order Reference</u>	<u>Requirement</u>	<u>GVPC Response</u>
G-1.0303 b&c	The book of order is silent regarding examination of persons entering membership of the church by certificate of transfer or reaffirmation of faith	All persons seeking membership in GVPC will be carefully examined by the session  <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-1.0501	Congregations shall determine the quorum required at congregational meetings.	By-laws – Article VII  <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-1.0502	Congregations to provide a rule stating notification requirements of a congregational meeting	By-laws -- Article III  <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-1.0505	Requires minutes of Meetings of the Congregation be kept but is silent on approval of those minutes	The session shall approve minutes of meetings of the congregation at the first stated meeting following the meeting of the congregation. The approved minutes will be kept in the Session Minutes Book.  <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-2.0104b	Standards of Ordination	The Presbytery of Nevada has prayerfully and carefully considered the issues raised by the revision of the Book of Order. The result is a document that reviews the essential tenets of our faith including ordination standards. The position adopted by Presbytery retains the historic standard of, “fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness” for leaders in our Presbytery. The full document is included in Appendix A of this manual.  <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-2.0202	Deacons may be individually commissioned or organized	By-laws – Article XIV

	as a board of deacons.	<i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-2.0401	Congregations shall provide by rule the size and make-up of their nominating committee	By-laws – Article VIII <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-2.0401	How shall voting occur during elections of elders and deacons	When the number on nominees to be elected as elder or deacon equals the number of positions to be filled, a voice vote will be held to elect same. If the number of nominees for either elder or deacon exceeds the number of positions to be filled, a written, secret ballot shall be used to elect individuals to those positions. <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-2.0402	Session shall examine candidates for elder and deacon as to their personal faith; knowledge ...	If after said examination, a candidate is found to be unsuitable for the office to which they have been elected the session will ask the Nominating Committee to nominate another candidate. <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-2.0404	Congregations shall determine by rule the eligibility for re-election of elders and deacons	Elders and deacons shall be eligible for re-election for the maximum length of service allowed by the Book of Order. <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012. reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-3.0109	Councils may designate by their own rule such committees and commissions as they deem necessary and helpful for the accomplishment of the mission of the church	Christian Education Fellowship and Congregational Nurture Membership and Evangelism Missions Worship and Music Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewardship Committee</li> <li>• Memorial Committee</li> </ul> Personnel Property <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed and revised October 27, 2015)</i>
G-3.0203	Sessions shall provide by rule a quorum for meetings	By-laws – Article XI <i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i>
G-3.0204a	Session shall properly maintain rolls of active members and provide guidance regarding removal	1. GVPC will routinely honor requests to transfer membership to other churches in full communion with the PCUSA.

	of inactive members from the rolls.	<p>2. If it is determined that a member has not been active or participating in the life of the Church:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appropriate Deacon will attempt to contact the member to determine their status and if possible restore them to active participation.</li> <li>• If the Deacon is unable to contact the member, that member will be placed on the “Hold List” for two years.</li> <li>• Thirty days prior to the expiration of two years, the Membership and Evangelism Committee will check the member’s attendance and contribution records for activity.</li> <li>• If no activity exists, the M&amp;E Committee send the member a Notice of Removal letter.</li> <li>• If no response is received within 30 days, the M&amp;E Committee will recommend to session that the member be removed from the Membership Roll.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Adopted by Session June 25, 2013, reviewed and revised October 27, 2015)</i></p>
G-3.0205	Session shall elect a Treasurer for such term as session shall decide	<p>The treasurer shall be elected annually to serve from January to December</p> <p><i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i></p>
G-3.0205	The Clerk of Session shall keep registers of baptisms, ruling elders, deacons, installed pastors and such other registers as the session shall deem necessary	<p>In addition to the required registers, the clerk shall keep registers of active members, affiliate members, marriages and deaths.</p> <p><i>(Adopted by Session June 26, 2012, reviewed October 27, 2015)</i></p>