

45-33 (to the Overtures and Resolutions Standing Committee)
From the Permanent Judicial Commission

Rules for Assembly XIII

Original Text	PJC Additional Proposed Amendments: <i>additions, deletions</i>
<p>XIII. New Business</p> <p>13-1 Any matter presented in any form that has not been received by the Stated Clerk prior to the opening of the General Assembly shall be treated as new business.</p> <p>13-2 New business must be presented to the Assembly by noon of the second day of business. The National Leadership Team may assist the Stated Clerk in referring all new business coming to the Assembly.</p>	<p>XIII. New Business</p> <p>13-1 Any matter presented in any form that has not been received by the Stated Clerk prior to the opening of the General Assembly shall be treated as new business.</p> <p>13-2 New business must be presented to the Assembly by noon of the second day of business, <u>and each proposed item of new business that was not previously presented as an overture to a presbytery must include an explanation of why it was not so presented.</u> The National Leadership Team may assist the Stated Clerk in referring all new business coming to the Assembly.</p> <p><u>13-3 If an item of new business is received by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly, the Stated Clerk shall refer the item to an appropriate standing committee and, in the case of any new business with a potential budget impact, to the National Leadership Team. Parties to whom an item is referred (e.g., standing committees and the National Leadership Team) shall receive and consider such reference, deliberate, and report to the Assembly as these Rules require. The National Leadership Team may assist the Stated Clerk in referring new business.</u></p> <p><u>13-4 Amendments to the Book of Order or to these Rules for Assembly shall not be received as new business under any circumstance.</u></p>

Rationale:

- Proposed amended Rule 13-2 states that new business not previously presented to a presbytery should contain an explanation for why it was not so presented.
- Proposed new Rule 13-3 clarifies that all new business must be received by the Assembly by a two-third (2/3) vote. New business so received must be referred. As stated in the prior version of Rule 13-2, the National Leadership Team may assist with referrals.
- Proposed new Rule 13-4 clarifies that amendments must come from presbyteries as overtures or from committees authorized in the *Book of Order* to present them. They must be proposed thoughtfully in our Presbyterian system and not offered last minute as new business.