

ACTS OF SYNOD 1995

Class 1 (Barrier Act Procedure)

No	Act	Reference
	Nil	

Class 2 (Others)

No	Act	Reference
1	Appeals/complaints against Administration Committee (Amend Act 1, Class 2, 1983)	95.14.6
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13	<i>The Presbyterian Banner</i> - re-appointment of editor	95.35.1

CLASS 1 – ACTS WHICH HAVE PASSED THE BARRIER ACT

Nil

CLASS 2 – ACTS OF SYNOD OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE CHURCH

ACT 1 – Appeals/complaints against Administration Committee – Amend Act 1, Class 2, 1983

Friday 7th April 1995

Minutes 95.14.6

Act 1 Class 2, Synod 1983, be amended by the addition to paragraph 4 of the following words:

“Such an appeal or complaint is heard by the Synod in the usual way for an appeal or complaint against the finding of a lower court, that is, with both the appellant or complainant and the Committee at the bar of Synod.”

ACT 2 – Appointment of Assistant Clerk (Rev. P.A.L. Hill)

Saturday 8th April 1995

Minutes 95.17

It was resolved that the Rev. P.A.L. Hill be appointed as Assistant Clerk from the rising of Synod. Mr. Hill indicated his willingness to accept this office.

ACT 3 – Appointment of Procurator 95.14.5

Friday 7th April 1995

Minutes 95.14.5

The Clerk be authorised to invite Dr. David Mitchell. David; to accept the appointment of Procurator to this Church.

ACT 4 – Armidale loan - rate of repayment

Monday 10th April 1995

Minutes 95.37

It was resolved that repayments of the loan from Missions Relief Fund and/or 8:14 Foundation by the Armidale Deacons' Court be at the rate of not less than \$100 per week, the rate to be reviewed by Synod 1996.

ACT 5 – Granting of privilege of the floor to visitors

Saturday 8th April 1995

Minutes 95.19.7

When deemed appropriate, Synod may grant the privilege of the floor (to speak but not to vote) to representatives of churches with which we have fraternal relationships.

ACT 6 – *Handbook of Practice and Procedure* to be reviewed

Monday 10th April 1995

Minutes 95.47

Concerning discrepancies between the Handbook of Practice and Procedure and the Practice of the Free Church of Scotland (Blue Book).

This matter be referred to the Law and Advisory Committee for their consideration and action and report to Synod 1996.

ACT 7 – Logo/crest

Monday 10th April 1995

Minutes 95.46

Synod approve the form of logo or crest commonly used on the Presbyterian Banner, with the addition of three dates (1560, 1647, 1846) beneath it as the style officially recognised, recommends its use by courts of the church and committees of Synod where appropriate, but disapproves of its use by individuals without permission first sought and obtained,

ACT 8 – Pensions - increase in basic rate 95.38.3

Monday 10th April 1995

Minutes 95.38.3

The basic rate of the weekly pension be increased from \$55 to \$56 (married) and from \$38.80 to \$40 with effect from 1/07/1995.

ACT 9 – Re-appointment of Assessors to Southern Presbytery

Saturday 8th April 1995

Minutes 95.18

The Synod now re-affirm the appointment of the four assessors to Southern Presbytery with authority to participate in all matters before the court.

Synod continue its remit to the assessor elders to the Southern Presbytery, to include all Presbytery business and that the Synod direct Presbytery to resolve for the good of the Lord's cause and the glory of His name the difficulties being presently experienced in the Southern Presbytery and report back on Monday.

ACT 10 – Reception of Mr. M. Jacoby as student for the ministry

Tuesday 11th April 1995

Minutes 95.56

Synod encourages Mr. Matthew Jacoby in the continuance of his theological studies, and subsequent tertiary studies, and agrees to pay his college fees and book allowance for 1995/96, subject to his signing the student bond.

ACT 11 – Stipend Relief: Armidale and Ulverstone

Monday 10th April 1995

Minutes 95.28.1

The Armidale and Ulverstone congregations be granted Stipend Relief, for the 1995/1996 ecclesiastical year, of up to 50 % of the minimum stipend on a needs basis.

ACT 12 – Synod expenses to be levied on congregations and presbyteries

Monday 10th April 1995

Minutes 95.36.4

The total cost of Synod each year (on a per commissioner basis) be advised by the General Treasurer after each Synod to Deacons' Courts and Presbyteries. This amount to be remitted to the General Treasurer by 30th June by Deacons' Courts for congregational representatives and by presbyteries for ministers who do not represent a congregation. In the case where a charge is not represented at the

Synod, that Deacons' Court to make a contribution at the rate of one commissioner. Synod host congregation being exempted.

ACT 13 – *The Presbyterian Banner* - re-appointment of editor 95.35.1

Monday 10th April 1995

Minutes 95.35.1

The Synod express and record its gratitude to the Editor of *The Presbyterian Banner*, together with those who help in its production and postage throughout the year, and that the editor, the Rev. W.P. Gadsby, be appointed for a further three years.