RESOLUTION

WHENAS, The General Synod of the ARP Church, Erskine College, and the Erskine community have undergone a period of prolonged turmoil since the June 2009 meeting of the General Synod; and

WHENAS, the attempted removal of trustees in 2010 and the current movement to amend the Erskine Charter to grant removal rights to General Synod of the ARP Church and to designate Erskine as an arm of the ARP Church, have fostered anxieties among alumni and friends about the direction of the institution; and

WHENAS, those anxieties are reflected in the overwhelming response of a 2011-2012 alumni satisfaction survey and, since 2009, the loss of approximately 1,400 or over one-third of those donors who had been active in giving during previous ten years; and

WHENAS, ongoing strife and discord have a pernicious effect on the College and Seminary, as well as the evangelical effectiveness of the Church; and

WHENAS, all parties involved are stakeholders in the health, well-being, and success of the same; and

WHENAS, the Erskine College and Seminary Alumni Association is organized and exists to promote the welfare of Erskine College and Seminary; and

WHENAS, the Erskine College and Seminary Alumni Association fully recognizes that governance and policy at Erskine College is the sole responsibility and perogative of the Erskine College Board of Trustees, and;

WHENAS, a joint dedication to defined goals, many of which are already standard, may allay the concerns shared by so many alumni and friends and hasten the healing that Erskine and the General Synod of the ARP Church seek;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, based on the above premises, the Erskine College and Seminary Alumni Board of Directors do hereby resolve as follows:
1. That Erskine College and Theological Seminary continues to offer a warm and open community for a diverse student body, accepting students from all walks of life, belief systems (college), and backgrounds.

2. That Erskine College and Theological Seminary pursues the strenuous academic rigor and genuine Christian commitment that make it unique among southern liberal arts colleges.

3. That, in the pursuit of academic excellence, Erskine College will promote academic freedom in all disciplines and will protect core standards within. For example, but not limited to, teaching evolution as science in biology courses.

4. That, in pursuit of academic excellence, Erskine College will seek the best qualified professors and instructors who can abide by the institutional mission in future hires, and not at the detriment of academic integrity.

5. That the Erskine College community will promote diversity in its administration, staff, and on its various representative bodies. This includes openness to hiring and promoting women, African-Americans, and other minorities in leadership roles. Additionally, we seek a representative portion of women and African-Americans on the Alumni Board and the Board of Trustees.

6. That the Erskine College Board of Trustees commit itself to recommending new trustees who not only share in Erskine's Christian mission, but also represent diverse fields of expertise such as higher education, business, law, medicine, and ministry, so together their many talents and perspectives will continue to propel Erskine forward with great success.

7. That the Erskine College Board of Trustees, General Synod of the ARP Church, Erskine Administration, Alumni Association, faculty/staff, and current Student Body are all parts of a living Erskine community and all stakeholders in Erskine’s future, both in academic excellence and Christian commitment. And that as Erskine transitions from a period of turmoil, that we may come together in the way of Matthew 18:20 so the spirit of God be gathered with us.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, That at the next meeting of the Erskine College Board of Trustees, Alumni Association President Steve Southwell will offer these points to the Erskine College Board of Trustees for their concurrence, so that fears may be allayed, passions assuaged, and that healing may begin for the good of the evangelical mission of the ARP Church and the institutional health of Erskine College and Theological Seminary and its community.
Adopted by a vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions, this 27th day of July 2013.

Erskine College and Seminary Alumni Association

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Steve Southwell, President