

OMA Board Meeting Pre Consult  
02/27/03

Present: Jeff Puhlmann-Becker (Great Lakes 2003), Barbara Broadbent (Western 2007), Greg Pitman (At Large 2003), Dale Dressler (Great Lakes 2005), Gary Halstead (Mid Atlantic 2005), Bryan Breault (New England 2003), Curly Stumb (Mid Atlantic 2003), Bud Schroeder (Southern 2005), Kirsten Baumgart Turner (At large 2007)

Arrived near end of meeting- Dave Knight (Western 2005)

Absent:), Judy Luther (West Central 2005), Vacant (West Central 2007) Vacant (New England 2005) Vacant (Southern) June Boutwell (National Staff)

Curly opened with prayer

Jeff reviewed meeting in Cleveland to refresh memories and for those who were unable to attend.

Greg updated the board on Consult plans.

Bud reported on NCC Curriculum meeting that Jeff and he attended. They are asking for writers. There are no UCC writers in the group. They are hoping to get the following year's curriculum out by August. Gary suggested that the summer camp curriculum could be adapted for VBS to increase the market.

Jeff reported on Administrative Manual and theological Mission Statement. NCC does not have any money to publish so Jeff suggested that denomination contribute to this specific project and 4 denominations threw in \$250 dollars apiece. The UCC's \$250 came from the OMA budget. The board concurred that this was a good use of \$250.

Jeff and Bryan reported on the 4 color interpretive brochure that they put together with grant money from national offices. Free to all our sites for the cost of shipping. 25,000 printed and 10,000 on the way to Consult and there is money left to reprint if needed. We have given Bryan a \$50 gift certificate for all the time he put on this project.

Jeff suggested another 4 color brochure for recruitment of summer staff at seminaries and colleges. **Bryan said that he would work on this brochure for us.** Bryan will do the graphic work and **Jeff will do the copy.**

#### **Board terms.**

In Florida we switched from 4 year terms to 6 year terms. Some people balked at serving a 6 year term. Jeff suggested going back to 4 years with an option to serve two terms.

Kirsten suggested that we go to the whole membership with a recommendation. Those here that have terms that now carry them through to 05 or further will meet after lunch

Dale, Barbara, Kirsten, Gary, Bud

The board discussed our **relationship to National**. Jeff informed the board that OMA will now be listed in the National Directory along with a list of board members. Too late for 2003 but we should be in the next directory.

**Insurance discussion:** Tim White is new head of insurance board. Jeff talked to him about issues that came from an apparent promise and then withdrawal of funding to help camps as they move towards ACA accreditation. Tim will be here at Consult to help us get past this issue.

### **Deering funds:**

National has been looking for the paper trail for Deering money. There should be a document somewhere stating that the sale money of Deering will be used for Outdoor Ministries. The documents were archived when the restructuring took place and the paperwork has not been found.

Some of the income has been identified and \$7,000 is within June Boutwell's portfolio. She has given us \$1,000 for Consult with the caveat that it be used for scholarships. Greg will talk to Mike Silver to see how much money should be there. It appears that June has control of the 3% (~\$7,000) income from the final payment which was \$250,000.

Potential uses for Deering money income. ACA writer's workshop, Ropes Training for UCC sites underwriting consult registration or travel.

We will ask June about details on the Deering money when she is here for the post consult board meeting. Is the money conditional that we either use it or lose it every year?. What is the procedure for disbursement?

**National Staff goes to camp.** We received lots of forms from sites. June and Lorin are working on FAQ about National goes to camp.

**Future Consults.** Do we still try to provide workshops for every work area: Kitchen, Building and Grounds, Office, Program, and directors and managers? Are we trying to do too much? Would a program more inclusive of all responsibility groups be better done at regional gatherings, either UCC or ACA? Travel costs would be less. Should we have a sub theme consults? One year Maintenance, one year kitchen, one year office?

Gary suggested that we bring issue of programming consult and term limits to the whole membership early on and invite informal discussions to take place and then attempt to come to consensus at the full meeting.

Bryan suggested that we make personal contact with sites to get non- participating sites to consult.

Barbara and Kirsten will look at logistics and dates for a fall meeting of the Board at their sites and bring back information to the new board.

Gary asked if we wanted to revisit an **internship program for Outdoor Ministries**. This would be a paid position that would then talk us up at seminaries etc. Is this a potential use for the Deering money?

What to do with archival material. Secretaries responsibility? Gary turned in an old NACOMM Directory. **Dale said he would be willing to keep the records and archival material.**

We will hold regional reports until after consult.

Jeff parceled out jobs for the board for consult.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dale Dressler  
Secretary