

OMA Membership Meeting
Consult XIV
03/03/03

Motion to approved minutes from Consult XIII
Jack Zapula / Randy Crowe

Treasure's Report Greg made corrections to report that were in packet (the surplus was only in the year of the consult) and made a plea for payment of dues in both Consult years and in years that we don't have Consult. Expenses were up since the last consult. Reason include: the board now meets twice a year and we met in Cleveland rather that at a camp site. Jeff explained that the brochures have not been paid for yet so the surplus in not quite as large as reported.

Motion to accept treasures report.
Bud Schoeder / Gary Halstead

Report from the President – Jeff Puhlmann-Becker

- Consult
- OMA and OM interpretive brochure is available for our sites.
- NCCC Theological Mission Statement brochure and curriculum workshop
- Called for UCC writers to be on the curriculum team for the cooperative curriculum.
- National Staff Goes to Camp- Lorin and June are our contacts for this program. Lorin gave us the history of how this came about. 9 people went in 2001. 2002 was less due to other events pulling folks away. We now have forms and FAQs to help match camps and staff.
- Lorin Cope and June Boutwell will distribute forms and FAQs to the staff.
- Jeff read list of camps that have submitted forms.
- Jeff reported on the board visit to the National Staff offices in Cleveland.
- Legal relationship to the National Office. OMA and OMA Board will be listed in the National Directory.
- Deering Center sale and investments. It is believed that the income from this money was designated for OM. June has been researching this issue for us.
- The board is beginning to work on a brochure to encourage internships program with Seminaries and Colleges in Outdoor Ministries. The money for the brochure will come from the leftover money from the OMA brochure.
- Question was raised about certification of staff for Outdoor Ministries. June is working on this issue for Church Educators and will accept feedback from us on how this might work for Outdoor Ministries.

ACA/RAC report – Mickey Stone

Sites can join as an associate ACA member for \$100 and a RAC member for an additional \$25. Mickey S. encouraged us to visit the regional meetings. Jeff P-B mentioned the board has discussed an ACA writers workshop sponsored by OMA.

Future focus of Consult

Jeff asked for the consensus of the room on whether we move towards Program and Management for Consult rather than covering 5 workshops for each responsibility group. The consensus seemed to be that we move in this direction and keep the enrolment open to all. The Board will make a decision at the post consult meeting.

Terms and term limits

Jeff asked for a consensus of the room on changing term limits from one six year term to a four year term that can then succeed itself for one more term. Gary pointed out that what we need is a consensus on allowing board members to succeed themselves since the By-laws now state one 4 year term that can not succeed itself. There was discussion from the floor that ran into lunch time and the board adjourned to Kelsey's Lodge to eat lunch and report back to the full membership regarding how to proceed.

The board met over lunch and appointed Gary to present an alternative to the membership.

The board recommends that the slate of board members presented to the membership be elected for two years and come back to the membership at Consult XV with new constitution and by-laws that reflect their recommendations. These by-laws will be sent to the membership at least 60 days before the next consult meeting. This will also give the board an opportunity to investigate relationships to National.

The board will have a proposal for the updated constitution and bylaws sent to each region by January 1st 2004 so they can be discussed at regional meetings

There was a motion to accept this recommendation
Mickey Stone / Randy Crowe

Report from the National Church

Lorin shared information regarding National issues. National now has Don Clark on retainer for legal issues that pertain across the conferences of the UCC. Don Clark is not to replace conference or camp attorneys.

The Association of Conference Ministers is beginning to deal with issues of theological diversity in the UCC. Jennifer Amy-Dressler was asked and she agreed to be sent as a representative to these meetings.

Financial issues - More than \$900,000 has been taken out of the national budget due to a drop in OCWM contributions and a drop in investment earning. Fewer and fewer staff are doing the same work.

Our sites will now be on the church mailing list from the National Office.

David Knight shared his concern about Health information Personal Privacy Act (HIPPA). This act is concerned with keeping our campers health issues private. What do we need to do to keep necessary information private? We need to decide what the minimum required information to our nurses, counselors, etc. We also need to keep records of who you gave what information to.

Respectfully Submitted
Dale Dressler
Secretary