

OMA Board Meeting
Silver Lake Conference Center
02/28/04

Members Present: **New England** Kathy Duckworth (07) Bryan Breault (05) **Mid Atlantic** Bruce Druckenmiller (07) Gary Halstead (05) **Southern** Charles Stark (05) **Great Lakes** Jeff Puhlmann-Becker (05) Dale Dressler (07) **West Central Western** Barbara Broadbent (07) Dave Knight (05) **At Large** Ira Williams (07) Kirsten Baumgart Turner (05)

Members absent: **Southern** Bud Schroder (07) West **Central** Judy Luther (07) Sharon Haun (05)

Saturday Morning

Opening devotions led by Kathy and Ira

Minutes from Irons accepted as written

Treasure's Report \$13,620 as of Feb. Jeff brought wrong report and will send correct one.

National Staff Goes to Camp – Bruce reported that Lorin called during a break in the meeting to report that he (Lorin) has sent a letter to the staff re national goes to camp he will let them know that the applications are on the website. There may be issues with the travel expenses. Sites may need to offer travel where in the past National paid for all travel.

Curly sent a proposed schedule for the meetings in the fall.

Consult planning Nov 11, 12
OMA board Nov 12, 13, 14
Work camp Nov 12, 13, 14
ACA writer's workshop Nov 14, 15, 16, 17

UCCIB will help fund an ACA writer's workshop.

Work camp will be based out of John's River but will not take place at John's River.

Jeff reported on the ACA bench mark survey - Data is not available yet but it is still on track.

Report on meeting with UCCIB – The Meeting went very well. Tim has offered to create a standard form for incidents and accidents so we know what information to collect before we report a claim. UCCIB will not be able to pay the provider anymore. They have to pay either the camp or the parents. We're hoping that they will start communicating directly with camps rather than through the conference office.

They will be looking into providing coverage for loss of business when an event happens off site that forces you to close. Currently if there is no damage on your site you are not covered.

Jeff will summarize the meeting in a report to our camps.

Jeff and Bryan will work on some \$\$ numbers to give to UCCIB for what it would cost to help camps work toward ACA accreditation.

There was some discussion during the meeting that we might want to offer an accreditation

process that might be more attainable for some of our camps that have been hesitant to start the ACA process. Bryan reported that the ACA is working toward a tiered system for accreditation. Three tiers - If they follow through with this we would only be duplicating their efforts.

Jeff reported on the National Council of Churches committee on Outdoor Ministries curriculum meeting in Florida. Bud and Jeff attended for curriculum writing meeting. Jeff reported that Bud represents us very well. They still need more UCC writers.

Jeff has been elected as the Vice chair of the NCC Curriculum committee and will be chair in two years.

Jeff has completed a family piece to go with the NCC curriculum. He's charging \$50 for a CD. Bryan offered to send Jeff a laminated picture of himself as an incentive for Jeff to mail the CDs next week. Bryan Sirchio is writing a song to go with the curriculum.

NCC - COM administrative manual is still being worked on. We gave \$250 to help this happen they still need more money to finish it but we have not committed any additional money. It will be made available on CD only.

Discussion of constitution and bylaws –

Dale is continuing to work on the constitution and by-laws modeled after the recommendations in Roberts Rules of Order. **Dale will send copies to the constitution and by-laws committee before the November meeting.**

Jeff needed to leave and the board elected Gary as chair pro-temp

College and Seminary recruitment brochure - There has not been any progress on this project. **Bryan will try to get this ready for distribution at consult in 2005.** He will get the copy from Jeff.

It was decided that we will invite June and Lorin to our meetings and make sure that they are both on our mailing and email lists. Moved Kirsten - passed.

Consult Planning Report.

Theme for summer 2005 "God is Calling You" and will also be the theme for Consult.

Plans are to have Bertrum Chatham as keynoter and plenary session leader. Bertrum is a motivational speaker on camp administration

The team will ask Valerie Tutson to be the worship leader. Valerie is story teller and performer.

PreConsult topic will be "God Is Calling You to Self Care" in Body, Mind, and Spirit.

Post Consult Trips - planning committee will put together materials ahead of time and put it on the web site so people can plan to stay later for site seeing while they stay at Silver Lake or they can go off on their own for lodging.

Charles will send an official invitation to David (Kirsten's David) inviting him to do a workshop at Consult.

Dale will talk to Ann and Tim about childcare during consult.

New business

There is none but we need to start thinking future. What do we need on the agenda for new business for next time?

Other Business

Charles has offered to take over the administration of the web site.

Nominating Committee -

Dale, Gary, Kirsten, have agreed to serve on the nominating committee.

Dale will ask Jeff to serve

Nominating Committee will start looking for persons to fill the 2009 terms. There is one spot from each region and one at Large member up for either election or re-election.

Bryan (New England), Jeff (Great Lakes), Gary (Mid Atlantic) and Kirsten (At Large) are finishing second terms and must step down.

Sharon (West Central), Charles (Southern) and David (Western) are finishing their first term and will need to be either nominated for second terms or step down.

Motion to adjourn passed

Charles led us in closing worship