

OMA Board Meeting PreConsult
Thursday, March 03, 2005 9:00 am
Silver Lake Conference Center

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** Judie Luther (07) Sharon Haun (05) **At Large** Ira Williams (07) **Western** Barbara Broadbent (07)

Members absent: **Southern** Bud Schroder (07) **Western** Dave Knight (05) **At Large** Kirsten Baumgart Turner (05)

National Staff June Boutwell

Kathy led us in morning worship

Consult Planning Committee Report -

Gary - We're pretty ready ... but there are a still a few things left to do.

60 People are registered - of the 60 - 27 are new this time 10-12 are here for the second time or have not been here for a while.

We need to make sure that all these new people are included – Board folk know who they are and we can be especially mindful to welcome them.

Nap time and intentional free space is written into the schedule

Maintenance and kitchen tracks are geared toward what would a manager would need to know rather than trying to create tracks for all disciplines at camp since we have had limited success in attracting kitchen, office and maintenance people.

Minutes - Moved and second Kathy/Charles - Approved

Financial report

Jeff passed out financial reports, which are available through the Pilgrim Center office.

Financial report approval – Moved and second – Ira/Barbara - Approved

Jeff reported that he applied for and received Deering money for:

- Consult support - \$1,000

- Each site to receive a copy of the NCC/OMC program and administration manuals.

- Nancy Ferguson, NCCC Managing Editor, to attend Consult

Discussion of how to encourage conferences to pay their dues in OMA Asking for donations verses Dues. Sending an invoice verses asking for payment by letter. Consensus was to offer to send invoice if needed in a letter asking for dues payment. They then feel free not to be a dues paying member if they are not a conference active in OMA.

National Staff Goes to Camp

Bruce read a letter from Lorin – Lorin wonders if the approach has been too broad. He suggests that we send them a request for a specific position i.e. a Male cabin counselor or a camp Chaplin for a specific week of camp. Each camp puts out a want add for a position. The board concurred with this approach and Bruce will revamp the system. Bryan wants us to find a way to emphasize that the staff needs to be fully engaged in the camp week.

Bruce will also find a time to talk to the general membership at consult about National Staff Goes to Camp.

Bryan and June suggested that we develop a way to put the forms on the OMA site. **June** will ask folks that have participated to put testimonials on the site. **Bruce** will get the same from camp directors that have them do the same. **Charles** will develop the pages on the OMA site – an online form for want adds and camp information. **Charles will work on this with Bruce.**

ACA writers workshop – Gary

The workshop was very helpful – It was a good start for everyone that attended but wasn't designed to take you the whole way through the process.

The folks that attended wanted to do it again in the fall to continue the process and help others start. Dale has offered Merom as a site to hold the next workshop in the Fall of 2005, which would mean that the OMA board would also meet there. We will ask Curly Stumb and Jeremy Force to talk about it after their workshop at Consult and then to the general membership and attendees can give testimonies.

We will give Curly a stipend for leading that workshop

Constitution and Bylaws will be presented to the general membership with an amendment regarding when board terms begin and end. Bryan will write the amendment to the constitution that board terms start at the fall meeting after consult. People elected at Consult would be invited to stay after consult as guests of the outgoing board with voice but not vote.

Discussed board members going off and/or needing to be reelected.

Jeremy Force agreed to serve Mid Atlantic to replace Gary

Great lakes could not find anyone
Charles agreed to run again
Sharon agreed to run again
At large – We're waiting to hear from Kirsten
New England – Does not have anyone
Western – Does not have anyone

We will try to recruit new members for consult attendees

Bud has not been active – **Judy will ask Bud** if he feels he can still contribute to the work of OMA and wants to continue on the board.

National Council of Churches Outdoor Ministries Committee meeting June and Jeff attended.

Again – we need some more UCC writers. Susan Halstead (Gary's wonderful spouse) contributed to the 2005 curriculum.

Jeff and June will take some concerns back to the committee regarding the process to used to choose writers. The process for choosing writers used to be a wide-open and they may have structured it too tightly and made it difficult for some folks to work through the process.

Grant request As reported above

Bryan and Jeff have pledged to finish the College and Seminary recruitment brochure by this fall.

Moved to have Jeff and Bryan finish this project after they have left the board. **Friendly amendment** from Dale that since both Jeff and Bryan are going off the board that we should have one person from the board designated to liaison between them and the board - Ira/Charles passed

Bryan suggested that sites look toward providing sweatshop free t-shirts.

Meeting adjourned until after lunch and last minute consult and pre-consult setup. Will meet again as needed before and during consul.

The board met over supper on Sunday evening during consult to decide on a nomination for the at large position. The board voted that Mike Simmons would be presented to the general membership for the at large position.