

OMA Board Meeting PostConsult
Tuesday March 8th, 2005 8:45 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 (09) Sharon Haun (07) **At Large** Ira Williams (07) Kirsten Baumgart-Turner (05) **Western** Barbara Broadbent (07)

Newly Elected Board Members Present: **Mid Atlantic** Jeremy Force (2009)

National Staff June Boutwell

Members absent: **Southern** Bud Schroder (07) **Western** Dave Knight

Consult evaluation

There was no evaluation sheet in the packet –. **Gary** will put together the questions on SurveyMonkey.com. Jeff will send Gary the emails of participants. Bryan asked that Gary send board members the password to see the results.

Board Evaluation of Consult

Consult went well. A light uplifting fun time. Evening program was more participatory. This one was more content rich than some in the past.

Board members that recruited workshop leaders will write thank you notes to those leaders and ask for permission to collect and distribute their materials.

June mentioned that this consult was very welcoming to the new people. New people have said that they were going home with a lot more confidence and affirmation that what they were doing was good too!!!

Pre-consult workshop was also very helpful. Two - three - four - six - eight thumbs up from the gallery at the back of the room. The best consult ever says Linda Crowe.

Bryan expressed a concern that we have an internet room where people could go away from the main area to do their techy stuff. Wireless and high speed was great.

Coffee house talent show was great.

A separate space for social time was good where people who wanted to imbibe could go and those who wanted to sit and talk could stay in the meeting space. People who were uncomfortable with alcohol would not have the beer and wine “shoved in their face”.

Bryan feels that having the Consult planning team sleeping near the main meeting area was very helpful. It was also the loudest area at night so other people had quieter places to sleep.

Having water, refreshments and snacks in meeting areas of our sleeping buildings was great.

We separated the worship leader and the keynote this time. It went well. It also went well when we had the two people work as a team.

We need to let the hosts know that we would like tour of the site early in the schedule.

Most workshops went well. The selections were outstanding!! For the most part people showed up for the workshops. It would be good to let every workshop leader know ahead of time what the other workshops were so the overlap would be minimized or emphasized if that would be appropriate.

The schedule of 2 workshops on Saturday and one on Sunday and two on Monday worked well. Flexibility was good. Let people change – Moving meeting areas when necessary.

“Commercials” presented after breakfast by each workshop leader for their workshop was very helpful.

So many workshops so little time. Having presenters give permission to distribute their powerpoints handouts etc. was very nice.

Having description of workshops on line was very helpful. A full blown brochure may have been more helpful.

Dale will send notes of Consult evaluation discussion to Gary and he will add notes and post it on the websit.

Business

Discussed ideas for a gift for Tim and Ann. A Chia pet? A mate for Bob? Jeff will come up with something appropriate.

Marion from Pilgrim Center will close out the bills for consult and then pass it along the next person after we elect a new treasurer at the November board meeting.

We will ask Bud will arrange for an audit of the books before he hands them over if needed.

Great Lakes needs to fill Jeff's position. **Dale and Jeff** will work on this.

Discussed scheduling of fall board Meeting. Need to take meeting time and place to the board in the future. Due to Dale's invitation to host ACA workshop it was decided by a small group to set the time and place as Merom.

Fall meeting dates will be:

Arrive on Friday November 11th
Meet all day Saturday November 12th
Leave Sunday November 13th

Planning team will arrive Thursday November 10th
Meet Friday November 11th and stay for Board Meeting

ACA writer's workshop will start at Noon on Sunday November 13th and go through Tuesday November 15th.

Discussed philosophy behind choosing a consult site. Factors include moving around the country and to use sites that have not hosted before.

The consult planning team will meet at Merom the day before the November board meeting.

Discussed the makeup of the consult planning team.

Barbara who has worked on one consult – Chair
Mike – who is new to planning team
Charles – who has worked on two consults
Bruce – who is new to planning team
And a representative from the site

Ira speaks for the rest of the board when he says that the planning team needs to use the board more at the event and as resource for planning.

We will send a letter to all sites from the board chair telling about the wonderful consult we just had the purpose of OMA and to ask for those interested in hosting a future consult.

Judie suggested that we elect officers at the Fall meeting.

Jeff suggested that we need to elect the chair now.

Nominated Judy for Chair - Charles/Gary

Other officers will be elected in the Fall

Charles has set up an email list serve for OMA

Much discussion ensued – Charles will investigate further with keeping users email addresses private as a major concern.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Dale Dressler - Secretary