

Outdoor Ministry Association Board Meeting
November 18, 2008
Cleveland, OH

Members present: Bruce Druckenmiller, Jeremy Force, Leslie Desrosiers, Kathy Duckworth, Bill Bourdon (scribe), Charles Stark, Glenn Svetnicka, Barb Boerrer-Peacock, Kaila Russell, Ira Williams, Kelly Burd (National staff), and Randy Crowe (Consult Planning Committee ad hoc member)

- Ira led morning worship
- Regional reports were made and representatives are asked to report updates to Charles
- November 13, 2007 meeting minutes were approved as written

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Duckworth, treasurer, reported that, as of the meeting, the association's checking account contained \$20,199.14. National made a payment of \$11,345.71 on 10/15/08 and most active members have paid membership fees. Kathy will prepare a year end report of membership fee payments and 2008 OMA-PG income and expenses for the March 2009 meeting.

A motion authorizing Kathy to purchase *QuickBooks* was approved.

Deering Money

Bruce and Jeremy reported on their visit to Cleveland and the granting of the Deering money. One-third of the annual funds dividends are to be used at OMA's discretion, one-third is for OMA recommended grants of \$1,000 each to current OMA members, and one-third is to be retained at National to help support a staff person.

The board passed a motion that applications will: be received annually until September, approved at the fall board meeting, and paid out in the first quarter of the following year. Bruce and Ira will develop the form and have it available on the OMA website and at OMA-PG 2008.

The board passed a motion that Deering funds be used to support the fall gatherings of OMA and the membership fees be used to support spring meetings.

OMA-PG

Glenn, Jeremy and Bill reported on OMA-PG. The tentative agenda was passed out and it was reported that attendance at the event should be 26 participants.

Consult 2009

- Planned for November 5-9, 2009 (New date was set after OMA-PG).
- Consult Planning Team members are: Bruce, Ira, Kaila, Leslie, Charles and Randy.
- The theme for the event is "Sacred Spaces, Sacred Stories".
- The budget is based on 50 paying participants.
- Vans will be organized for transportation.
- Folks should fly into Spokane and arrive by 4 PM.

- Randy will handle registration.
- Eight workshops are identified:
 1. Nurturing the call to leadership
 2. Telling our stories
 3. 100 practical terms
 4. Camp music
 5. Building green, living green
 6. Curriculum
 7. Ministry of food service
 8. E-mail ministry

A motion was made to offer up to 5 scholarships for college and seminary students to attend Consults. The motion passed and an active OMA member and a UCC pastor must write references.

Webmaster

Charles will be giving up the website at the end of his term. We need to be looking for a new webmaster on the board.

Nominating Report

Kaila has contacted Rob Schmidt and Shirley Asmussen about service on the board and both reported that they are unable to serve at this time.

Based on her report and the board discussion, the board will consider recommending changes to the constitution and bylaws. Bill, Jeremy and Glenn have been asked to review the constitution and bring recommendations to the board in March.

ACA Standards Workshop and Training Programs

Jeremy and Curley Stumb are asked to consider a December 2010 workshop that can be promoted at Consult 2009.

Bruce and Bill will also look at IACCA, Drew and Catawba Outdoor Ministry programs and report back at the March meeting.

Board Meeting Attendance

A discussion was held concerning board members' attendance and the constitution committee was asked to make a recommendation at the March meeting.

Member Correspondence

The chair is asked to communicate to both active and potential member sites with mailings in January and September.

- The January 2009 mailing is to include 2009 fee request, Consult application, 2008 Deering Grant application.
- The September 2009 mailing should include 2009 fee request, thank you list of active 2009 paid members, and Consult and Deering applications.

Regional reps were asked to call sites/conferences and give them updates. Some of the talking points are: Consult and OMA-PG, student and seminarian scholarships, Deering Grants, networking, and 2008-2009 membership fees.



The following items are not part of the minutes, but material for the record and definitions for discussion.

The next meeting of the Consult Planning Committee will be March 29-30, 2009 in Spokane, WA. Committee members should plan to arrive on the 28th after 4 PM and depart on April 1 after the full board meeting, which takes place on the 31st. Board members who are not part of the planning team should plan to arrive on the 30th after 4 PM and depart on the 1st. (Bill, Jeremy and Glenn are planning to arrive on the 28th in order to work on the constitution on the 29th –30th.)

A list of past Consults and dates:

- 1978 Silver Lake
- 1981 Tower Hill
- 1983 Merom
- 1985 Pilgrim Pines
- 1987 Blowing Rock
- 1989 Craigville
- 1991 Pilgrim Firs
- 1993 Franklinton Center
- 1995 Temple Hills
- 1997 La Foret
- 1999 Lake Byrd
- 2001 Camp Adams
- 2003 Slumber Falls
- 2005 Silver Lake
- 2007 Merom
- 2009 N Sid Sen

Sample Definitions:

OMA-PG is the association’s bi-annual professionals gathering in Cleveland where professional staff of outdoor ministry programs convene to network and train.

Consult is the association’s bi-annual “mini-camp” event where best practices are demonstrated by living in community at one of our outdoor ministry sites. Music, keynotes, workshops, role models and worship are integral parts of the event.