

**Outdoor Ministry Association  
General Meeting  
November 8, 2009  
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Chairperson Ira Williams called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the Merom Consult were passed out and approved. Jennifer Amy-Dressler asked that her name be corrected.

The treasurer's report was included in the Consult 17 booklet and approved. Motion by Tim Hughes and seconded by Janie Gebhardt.

2010 and 2011 OMA budgets were presented and passed. Motion by Bryan Breault and second by Janie Gebhardt.

Kathy Duckworth presented a membership report listing 29 members for 2009. Five of the 29 members were not present for the meeting.

Bruce Druckenmiller reported on the Deering Grant history and the enabling of seminary students and recent grantees to attend Consult. Three participants were able to attend the current Consult as recipients of Deering Grants.

Jeremy Force reported on 2008 Deering Grant awards. Six grants were awarded: Moon Beach, Northern California, Black Lake, DuBois Center, Rocky Mountain Conference, and Hartman Center.

Charles Stark presented a report on the website, that the blog had been dropped, and that the OMA-UCC site was now linked to National and we now have a National page. Charles was asked whether past member sites and contacts could be listed as "lost", or past members listed.

Kaila Russell reported on board vacancies. At this time we have nine of fourteen spots filled and have put off filling the vacant spots until this general meeting.

Ira asked for a motion to suspend the rules of the Constitution so we could discuss constitution and bylaw changes. Kathy Duckworth made the motion and June Boutwell seconded. The motion passed. Ira opened the subject for discussion and the membership made several suggestions. The discussion was then closed and the topic was referred to an evening session. Members with concerns were asked to meet with the drafting committee.

Glenn Svetnicka reported on the past Cleveland OMA-PG and asked whether we should return to Cleveland, go outside the UCC for training, and/or meet at one of our smaller sites. All three suggestions received balanced support.

The general meeting was reconvened after dinner.

Ira Williams called the meeting to order. Glenn Svetnicka presented a revised constitution and bylaws. A motion was made by Bryan Breault and seconded by Jeff Puhmann-Becker that the revised constitution and bylaws be utilized by the Board of Directors on a provisional basis until they can be mailed to the general membership and brought to a vote at the next general meeting. The vote passed unanimously with 35 votes.

Bryan Breault brought a motion to the floor to request the development of a video to be played at Synod. Motion made by Bryan and seconded by Anne Hughes. Motion passed.

Anne Hughes brought a motion to the floor for a resolution in favor of Outdoor Ministry to be presented at Synod. The motion was seconded by Bruce Druckenmiller. June Boutwell was asked to work with Anne on the video. Motion passed.

The business meeting was concluded.