

**OMA – UCC  
November 6, 2011 Board Meeting  
Pilgrim Center**

Meeting was called to order by Jeremy Force.

**Members present:** Bruce Druckenmiller, Kathy Duckworth, Jeremy Force, Ryan Gackenheimer, Kim Harris, Kaila Russell, Glenn Svetnicka, and Waltrina Middleton (National Staff Liaison) Bill Bourdon was in route.

**Board Membership Status:**

Our constitution states that the board will be made up of 10 members. Currently, we have 2 vacancies, and will have 2 more at the end of the year when Bruce and Kathy's terms expire. We will invite Consult participants to volunteer or nominate people to fill the slate. The board has an intention to reach out to Disciples of Christ sites and find ways to connect them with OMA. *Waltrina and Bruce will work together to explore opportunities for connections.*

**Process for filling Board vacancies:**

- Board will seek volunteers and nominations at Consult and after the event to include sites not attending Consult.
- Calls will be made to nominees after Consult
- Slate will be mailed out to sites and election to be held via mail/email.

**Current Board Officers:**

Jeremy Force – President (through 2012)  
Bill Bourdon – Treasurer  
Kaila Russell - Secretary  
Glenn Svetnicka – Program Chair

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Board will arrive by dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup>, depart on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Report** – Current financial status was given. We were reminded that we are able to offer quality programs and events such as Consult to our members at a very reasonable cost due to the generosity of the Deering Funds.

Since the position of treasurer is in the transition phase from Kathy to Bill, and Bill is not present at this meeting, a full report will be given at our February meeting.

This financial report was accepted.

**Review of OMA Constitution and Bylaw Changes:**

Bill Bourdon will present this info to the membership at our OMA general meeting on November 9, 2011. This information was mailed to sites at the beginning of the year, and included in the Consult binder.

**Report from Waltrina Middleton – Our liaison to the National Office:**

- Waltrina shared that while a large piece of her portfolio is Youth and Young Adults, she is passionate about helping people take full ownership of OMA, which includes training and leadership.
- She was excited to inform us that new things are happening at the national office!

- There is now a link from the youth page to Outdoor Ministries on the national website. There is also an interactive map which includes all of our camps. Waltrina often sends links to the national site via Facebook and Twitter.
- We were reminded that OMA's presence at General Synod and NYE is vital – How can we work together to make that happen?
- Waltrina also reminded us that Outdoor Ministries can help close the gap between youth and young adults. We were challenged to think about ways we can incorporate them into our membership as well as serve on our board.
- As our liaison, Waltrina can comp exhibit space at NYE, as well as help us come up with some interactive ideas for our exhibit. If we use Waltrina as a liaison, we will have much better luck making connections with the national office.

Meeting was adjourned until after the Consult Event

**Post Consult Board Meeting  
Pilgrim Center  
November 10, 2011**

**Members Present:** Bill Bourdon, Bruce Druckenmiller, Jeremy Force, Ryan Gackenheimer, Kim Harris, Kaila Russell, Glenn Svetnicka

Meeting was called to order by Jeremy Force  
Devotion was shared by Kaila

**Consult Review:** Consensus of this group was that Consult was a well planned event – inspirational and meaningful to the members of the OMA community. Time was spent looking over the evaluations. *Kim will tabulate evaluations and send report to the OMA Board once all evaluations are received, as a few folks wanted to mail theirs in.*

**Budget:** *Bill and Jeremy will work together to create a complete 2 year budget and present it at the February board meeting.  
Bill will contact Gloria and Waltrina at the National Office requesting Deering Funds.*

**Board Membership:** Bruce Druckenmiller was named Chair of the Nominating Committee. Kaila will work with him. Currently the Board has 2 vacancies, one unexpired term of 2011, and one unexpired term for 2013. After Bruce and Kathy's terms end on December 31, 2011, we will have 2 more vacancies as well. Names for the board vacancies were presented to the board, both volunteers and 1 person who was nominated. After much discussion, and keeping in mind that the Board wants to fulfill its obligation to have a young adult representation on the Board, we would like to appoint Mollie Landers to fill the vacancy of the 2013 unexpired term.

After further discussion, and keeping in mind the representation that we would like to see on our Board including, lay/volunteers, conference staff, geographical location, young adults, variety of staff persons, gender, and multi-cultural influence, the board recommends that a slate for elections will be created including Leah Bilinski, Anne Hughes, Joyce Oyler, and Mike Warren. A fifth name will be added if we can find someone to represent the southwest area.

*Kaila, Kim, and Glenn will make some phone calls to see if we can find someone willing to serve from this area. Kaila will call those on the slate to confirm their willingness to serve and ask them to write a short bio to be mailed out. Bruce will call the remainder of folks who volunteered and let them know they are not needed at this time. Bruce will also call Mollie Landers and notify her of her appointment to the OMA Board.*

*Short bios will be gathered and mailed out with the ballot. We will also ask for feedback from the general membership regarding the process of elections.*

**Website:** Charles Stark would like to continue to shepherd the website as we think about the possibility of joining with the National website. The Board has questions regarding needs, representation, etc. There will be more discussion at our February 2012 meeting.

**OMA-PG:** November 6-8, 2012 in Cleveland. Board will arrive by dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup>. *Bill and Glenn will take leadership of this event, considering a program with Mary Klein and Don Clarke.*  
**Deering Grants:** Jeremy reported that 15 grant applications were received, and 10 grants were awarded. Jeremy reported that some more education needed to happen to help with the grant writing process. *The list of recipients will be emailed to the board. Bill Bourdon will notify the National Office for Deering Fund disbursement.*

**Site staff support:** There was discussion around how to connect, network, and support the different staff members of each camp. While at Consult, the maintenance folks from several sites gathered together for conversation and projects. We would like to consider ways that we can help make this happen with kitchen staff, administrative staff, etc. More discussion at Feb. meeting.

**Feedback from our site meetings:** This discussion was tabled until our February meeting due to limitations on time. Items that need more immediate feedback will be addressed in a conference call.

**Next Board Meeting:** February 16-18, 2012 in Phoenix. *Jeremy will contact the conference to see if we can meet at their office.*

**Agenda items for February:**

Website

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Deering Grants

Site staff support/network

Feedback from Site Meetings at Consult

Non-Member Sites (where should they be listed on website?)

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kaila Russell, OMA Board Secretary