

**OMA General Membership Meeting  
November 9, 2011  
Consult – Pilgrim Center**

Meeting was called to order by Jeremy Force.

Minutes from previous general meeting were reviewed and approved.

Agenda for the meeting was approved.

**Constitution and Bylaws:**

Bill Bourdon gave background info on Constitution and Bylaw changes which included:

- Changes in number of board members from 14 to 10 and requires 7 of the 10 members belong to the UCC.
- Membership designation opens up membership to faith-based organizations beyond the UCC.
- Terms for the Board of Directors are set at January 1-December 31 rather than revolving around Consult.
- The amending process of bylaws is spelled out as voted on by the Board of Directors and ratified by the General Membership, enabling a process where our core principles of the constitution would call for a two-thirds vote at a special called meeting, and amendments to the operating bylaws would require action by the Board of Directors and ratification of a simple majority vote of the membership at their next general meeting.

Moved, second, passed to accept these changes.

**OMA-PG** will be held in Cleveland on November 6-8, 2012.

**Update on Board of Director Membership:**

The general membership was invited to volunteer or nominate someone to serve on the OMA Board. Nominations will be reviewed at the board meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. A slate will be created and mailed out to general membership for vote right after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Bourdon gave a general overview of our financial status. A financial report will be mailed out to the general membership with the board election information.

**Synod Report:** Bryan Breault read the letter of response from the national office regarding our request to have a presence at the last General Synod. (The response was no.) There was discussion about how we can have a meaningful presence at both NYE and General Synod. The decision was to begin with NYE and go from there. If we work with Waltrina at NYE, she will advocate for us at General Synod.

There was discussion of conferences working together to sponsor a resolution for Synod. Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut voiced their support. It was recommended to include voice without vote as part of the resolution.

A group from the general membership was formed to work on being a presence at NYE and creating an interactive exhibit. The group consists of Bryan Breault, Dana Sprenkle, Bruce Druckenmiller, Leah Bilinski, Wade Zick, Tim and Anne Hughes, Kim Harris, and Natalie Becker. They will work to create video which celebrates each of our sites with 3 pictures that

capture natural setting, facility, and ministry. *The board will work with sites not represented at Consult to help get them involved.* The video will also include a picture from each site that has been closed or sold, as well as the date it closed.

*Bill Bourdon is working on gathering a list of all the sites that are either closed or in the process of closing. The list will be posted on the website.*

General membership meeting was adjourned.