

OMA Membership Meeting  
Sunday, March 06, 2005 7:00 pm  
Silver Lake Conference Center

Chair Jeff Puhlmann-Becker opened the meeting

#### ACA Accreditation Workshop

Curly Stumb reported on the workshop that took place last fall at John's River. Five people attended the workshop. Curly and Jeremy force will offer three more days of ACA accreditation help at the Merom Conference Center on November 13-14-15. Plan to fly in on the 12<sup>th</sup> and out on the 16<sup>th</sup>. ACA will be the standard if you go to court so there is a definite value to you if you at least make yourself familiar to the standards. There were various testimonies from the membership on the value of accreditation.

UCCIB is funding a portion of the cost of the workshop.

#### National Goes To Camp

Bruce Druckenmiller spoke on the program and the plans to revamp the system. There will be forms on the web page to leave a description of the positions that are available. National Staff will go the page and find a position that fits their gift. Be specific when you place your ads.

- Please let Bruce and/or Charles Stark know if the position is filled so they can mark the position as filled
- The cost to your site is Room, Board and a ride to and from the airport for the national staff person.
- Lorin Cope and June Boutwell are the contacts at the National office for this program

#### Conference Support

Jeff Puhlman-Becker explained the structure of OMA and methods of support Dues are \$250 by conference or site, \$50 for individuals. Let the board know how it would work best to "bill", "invoice", "ask" for your support. How will it work best with your conference?

#### Seminary Brochure

Bryan Breault reported on the Outdoor Ministries Brochure. Bryan and Jeff will work on a brochure for UCC related seminaries and colleges to recruit students for summer staff and to think about Outdoor Ministries as an extension of their ministries or as a viable career path.

## By-Lays

Jeff gave a brief history of the Bylaws. The By Laws were a very good attempt at how the new organization would work as they moved from being NACOM to being OMA.

Motion to accept the new Bylaws - John Gettinger/Frank Russell

Discussion

Major change is term limits. Moving from one 6 year term to two four year terms.

A clarification of what sites are considered a member of OMA. Individual Memberships and affiliated memberships

### **Friendly Amendment to the new Bylaws**

Bryan explained the amendment (when terms start and end) and the reasoning behind it. He then read the amendment:

Director's terms will begin and end at the conclusion of the board of directors meeting immediately following consult. Directors elected at the consult will be invited and encouraged to attend the post consult board meeting with voice but without vote.

Vote - passed

## Elections

- Western - Kaila Russel
- Mid Atlantic - Jeremy Force
- Great Lakes -Vacant
- New England – Leslie Desrosiers
- At Large – Mike Simmons

The slate of candidates was unanimously elected