

# OMA Board of Directors November 5 and November 9, 2009

## Pre-Consult Meeting November 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Ira Williams.

Members present were: Bruce Druckenmiller, Jeremy Force, Leslie Desrosiers, Kathy Duckworth, Charles Stark, Glenn Svetnicka, Kaila Russell, Janie Gebhardt, and William Bourdon, scribe.

The March 30-31, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

### Treasurer's Report

The report was presented by Kathy and approved. It was reported that Betty Hall is the new contact person at National. Jeremy, as the incoming president, will contact the national office and seek clarity on the ongoing expected grant level for Deering Funds. Kathy reported that for 2009 we are anticipating \$12,648.24 available for grants, and \$13,221.00 for grants in 2010.

### Consult Planning Committee

Bruce reported for the Consult Planning Committee. He sees this event as primarily a relational event. Nine workshops have been planned. Each day will begin with a 7:30 breakfast, followed by worship. Two keynoters will present. Kaila and Randy have been invaluable in getting the event underway.

### Clarification of Current Board Membership

Class of 2009 and in their first term are: Kaila, Leslie, Jeremy and Janie.

Charles is Class of 2009 and in his second term.

Class of 2011 and in their first term: Glenn and Bill

Ira, Bruce and Kathy are Class of 2011 in their second terms.

It was agreed by consensus that elections will take place at the fall meeting of the Board of Directors and that terms will be the calendar year.

### Membership Discussion

It was agreed by consensus that **FULL MEMBERSHIPS** are defined as sites and/or conference without sites that conduct programs. Annual full membership dues are to be paid by March 31 every year, and each program center is expected to hold membership.

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS** are available to those individuals who wish to support the work of OMA-UCC.

## **Deering Grants**

Deering Grants were discussed and it was agreed to hold applications open through Saturday of Consult. The Reading Committee comprised of Jeremy, Kathy and Bill was asked to develop guidelines for Deering Grants.

## **Webmaster Proposal**

A discussion based on Charles' offer to be the Webmaster was held and then deferred to the post-Consult portion of the board meeting.

## **OMA Blog**

It was reported that the officers had decided not to continue the blog because of limited activity.

## **Sub-committee Discussion (Outside the regular board meeting)**

The Reading Committee met to look over proposals for 2009 grants and to discuss criteria and procedures for upcoming years. The committee agreed on the following:

- That the Chair of the Board of Directors will invite member sites whose dues are paid to submit grant applications after March 31.
- That grant applications will be due by September 1.
- That the chair will invite two general OMA members to serve on a reading committee.
- That the reading committee will make their selections and the chair will report on their decisions to the board of directors at their fall meeting.
- Grants will be awarded in value up to \$1000.00 and will be based on the current year's allotment from National.
- Criteria for grants will be to support programs and to assist with green projects at member sites. Number and frequency of grants will serve as additional qualifiers of who should receive grants.
- At the annual fall gathering members will be asked to report on how they used their respective grants.

## **Post-Consult Meeting November 9, 2009**

### **Elections**

Elected: Jeremy (Chairperson), Bruce (Program Chair), Kathy (Treasurer), and Bill (Secretary). Glenn was asked to serve as the next Consult Chair and Kaila was asked to continue as Nominations Chair.

## **Nominations**

Kaila reported that she had spoken with twelve people about board service. Ira announced that he would not be serving out the remainder of this term. Janie will not seek a second term.

After the process of vetting the various nominees, four individuals were recommended and Kaila was asked to contact them. A formal written ballot is to be mailed to all current members a.s.a.p.

✧The N-Sid-Sen Consult was reviewed and Glenn, as chair of the next Consult, took notes.✧

## **OMA-PG**

It was decided that OMA-PG should again be held in Cleveland, and that Bruce, as Program Chair, should contact the Cleveland office about the possibility of an OMA Board meeting on November 8, 2010, followed by OMA-PG on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We would follow our usual format, with a start time of 5 PM and wrapping up with dinner on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Hotel rooms will be needed on November 9 and 10. It is anticipated that the program content for the event will include on keynoter, worship in the Amistad Chapel, introductions to national staff and time for OMA discussion and group building.

## **Board Meetings**

OMA Board meetings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

1. Moon Beach Camp, February 3-5, 2010, dinner – breakfast
2. National Office, Cleveland, November 7-8, 2010, dinner – 4 PM
3. Pilgrim Center, February 9-11, 2011, dinner – breakfast
4. November 3-7, 2011, Consult 2011

## **Webmaster**

The Board of Directors contracted with Charles to continue as our webmaster. He may attend board members at the pleasure of the Chair and at his own expense. He will be compensated with a \$600.00 stipend in 2010.

## **Actions to be taken**

- Ballots and grant letters to be mailed by December 1, 2009
- Past member dues invoices to be mailed out by January 15, 2010
- Membership update letter due out late February 2010

## **Synod Resolution and Informative Video**

Jeremy, as Chair and our primary contact with National, will follow up with Anne and Bryan with regard to the development of a resolution and production of a video.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 PM November 9, 2009