

ACPE NORTH CENTRAL REGION
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Spring Meeting
April 21 -24, 2002
Pittsburgh, Hilton and Towers
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

NCR Representatives: Janet Labrecque
Steve Pohlman

Our new ACPE President, NCR's **Jim Gibbons**, chaired the Board of Reps. with grace and ease as we heard reports and took action on several significant issues. The meetings took place Sunday afternoon, all day on Monday and Tuesday, as well as Wednesday morning. The interaction and discussion was both exhilarating and at times exhausting.

The significant issues and actions were:

1. We broke into form work groups to discuss in depth a) the report from the Certification Task Force, b) Cognate relationships with the other pastoral care organizations, c) Organizational effectiveness to do our work more simply and most cost effectively, and d) Staffing and personnel issues and affiliation with Emory University.
2. We heard an excellent report of the work of the Association of Theological Schools (A TS) by Dr. Dan Aleshire, Executive Director. ATS is located in Pittsburgh making this interaction easily facilitated.
3. We authorized assurance of privacy of student social security numbers at the national ACPE office.
4. We authorized the national ACPE office to print half directory books and half CD directories for 2002. B fall, 2003, ACPE will no longer print hard copy directories.
5. We moved and passed to reassess the value of National ACPE meetings and the effectiveness of the Board of Reps. Each region will discuss these issues in their regional meetings through a focus group process.
6. We accepted the invitation of the Pacific Region to host the 2005 Annual Conference in Hawaii.
7. We moved and passed to accept the addition of two female REM persons to the Representation and Nominating Committee (RANC) in the effort to be more inclusive in our nominations process.
8. We moved and passed to change the president-elect term and to add to the past president term. The president elect will now serve one year then become president for two years, then become past president one year.
9. We moved and passed to provide \$17,000 in Endowment Grants for 2003.
10. We moved and passed that centers be required to pay the accreditation fees for site reviews in the year d in addition to extension fees if an extension is requested.
11. We moved and passed that the Executive Director develop a plan to provide liability/ethics training for all volunteer leadership in ACPE.

It is exciting to be a part of an 18 to 24 member board that reviews both the broad scope and the detailed work of our ACPE organization.