

North Central Region – ACPE
Business Meeting
Vail Cascade Resort – Vail, CO
May 3, 2001 – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Fifty-four members of the Region registered their attendance.

Board Chair David Middleton called the meeting to order and invited Chaplain Alice Mclaughlin to begin the meeting with prayer.

The agenda was approved as distributed (attached).

Karl Anderson (Iowa Health System – Des Moines), Gunnar Mathiasson (Iceland) and Kathy Turner (Meriter, Madison, WI) were welcomed.

The Minutes of the October, 2000 meeting of the Region were approved as distributed earlier.

Will Wagner, Treasurer, distributed his report (attached).

Chair/Board Report – David Middleton

- Efforts over the last several years have focused on improving our financial situation. Examples of such efforts include the encouragement to reduce the cost of committee meetings, the suggestion that committees be reduced in size, the decision to shorten the scheduled time of the spring board/committee meeting, and the decision to have a quarterly rather than a monthly newsletter.
- The Board would like to see the Robert Otto Endowment Fund increased through a one time gift from each member of the Region at the time of the Fall Conference. A letter will be sent out prior to the Fall Conference.
- The Board hopes to promote some research on the relationship between the supply of students and the number and location of CPE centers.
- The vacancy on the Board created by Sheryl Wurl's leaving of the Region has been filled through the appointment of Susan Gullickson.
- A revised (shortened) format for the Board/Committee meeting will be tested in the Spring of 2002.

Regional Director's Report – Gary Sartain

- The first eight months as RD have been fulfilling. However, because the RD's support person has recently taken a new position, he has had additional work to do on his own. A new support person will be in place along with a move to a new office sometime this summer. The new support person will also take over the responsibilities of the treasurer now being performed by Mary from her office in Overland Park, KS.
- Consultations are being conducted to see whether the reporting process can be coordinated such that reports need to be sent to only one place (regional or national but not both).
- A number of items were reported on:
 - There has been good use made of the Web page.
 - The next newsletter (now on a quarterly basis) will be out by the end of May.
 - A letter of thanks received from Pat and Clyde Burmeister following the recognition given them at the Fall 2000 Conference was shared.

- Bob Leas is the new history coordinator for ACPE.
- The Board/committee consultation with a revised format will be held in Madison, WI, March 10 – 12, 2002, and in Lake Geneva, WI, March 9 – 11, 2003.
- Four NACC supervisors have taken advantage of the possibility of joint accreditation with ACPE: Eric Erickson, LaCrosse; Judith Olan, Duluth; Gene Sitzman, Cherokee, IA; and Linda Broneiski, Loyola, Chicago.

Joe Driscoll, NACC Chair, was present and added some comments. Don Stiger invited the membership to express its appreciation for the work of Gary Sartain with a round of applause. The membership responded enthusiastically.

Regional Conference Committee – Susan Thornton

- The theme will be “The Times They Are a Changin’ – CPE in Multi-cultural Perspective.” Eric Law is being sought as guest presenter.
- The conference will include workshops, a variety of worship opportunities, and the availability of a labyrinth. Also likely will be an opportunity for sharing with respect to working with international students.

2003 ACPE Annual Conference Committee – Michele Oberwise-Lacock

- The Planning Committee met in Lake Geneva, Tuesday, April 24 to begin its work. The Conference will be held Nov. 12 – 15, 2003.
- The theme will be something like: “Through the Prism of CPE: Refracting and Illuminating Our Complexity and Particularity.”

Reports from ACPE Committee Commissions, and Networks were combined with reports from NCR Committee Chairs. They were received as follows.

Accreditation – Nancy Wigdahl

- Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Cherokee Mental Health Institute, and Lake Forest Hospital were granted accreditation.
- St. Mary’s in Green Bay has asked to withdraw from accredited status.
- Health East in St. Paul has dropped Supervisory Training.
- The University of Iowa System has added a satellite program.
- The committee is working on a review and redrafting of the Accreditation Manual. Feedback will be solicited.
- A renewed call for additional site visit team members is being made.

Certification – Tim Thorstenson

A written report (attached) was provided.

Professional Ethics – Ken Seiss, Mary Ann Weigel

- There has been discussion about how ACPE can become a more ethically enlightened group of professionals. There has been discussion about education around such issues in the curriculum.
- It is recommended that the Ethics Manual be made available to students in all CPE programs.
- A supervisor on probation met with the Commission and the sanction against the supervisor was removed.
- The Region has three trained Panelists: Sue Breiner, Larry Shostrom, and Will Wagner.
- The organization’s Code of Ethics is not applicable to students unless they are members of the organization.

RANC – Michelle Oberwise-Lacock

- Two at-large positions are open on the Certification Commission for which women are needed.

History & Research – Larry Shostrom
No report

Standards – Don Dinsmore

- Proposed changes will be published in the National Newsletter. Members are encouraged to respond.
- The Appeals Manual is under review and revisions are being made.
- Work has been done around Supervisory Training for which response will be needed.
- Distant Learning and its role in CPE has been discussed. The need is to find out what people's experience has been and then the intention is to develop standards for use.
- Standards will meet with accreditation to make sure things are in sync.

Budget and Investment – Clyde Burmeister

- Because of conservative investment policies, the losses last year were a modest 7%.
- The organization's budget process is being addressed and is in better shape now than it was several years ago.
- A per diem of \$40 per day is being proposed for those serving on national committees.

Development Committee – Peter Holland

A written report (attached) was presented.

Theological Education – Michelle Oberwise-Lacock

- The Committee presented a workshop on the Kolb Learning Inventory as a pre-conference workshop with over 70 in attendance.

Clinical Member Committee – Ed Lisowski

No report.

REM – Dee Brown Daniels

No report.

Nominating – Scott McRae

No report.

ACPE Board of Representative – Janet Labrecque and Steve Pohlman

- The current meeting has been calm and civil.
- Steve is the new representative following Oz Anderson. Don Stiger and Jim Gibbons also serve on the Board.
- A letter has been sent to the Journal of Pastoral Care in response to the publication of a recent article concerning conversion therapy and homosexuality. Clarity is being sought about publication policy.
- A task force has been established to consider the criteria for Supervisor Emeritus Status.
- Budget realities are being reviewed.
- Bristol Myers Squibb is prepared to fund a proposal to bring pastors from Losoto to receive ACPE training. These units will be ACPE accredited.
- Directory information will be on the Web site and the directory as currently known will cease to be published. A center directory particularly for use by seminaries will still be published.
- A plan is being presented to move the national office staff's pensions into the Emory University pension plan. Emory would also do personnel screening for the national office; purchases could

perhaps be done in the same way.

The ACPE/NACC/APC Collaboration Report and Proposal was discussed. As a part of the discussion the following motion from the Board was MSC asking the Board of ACPE to delay any formal response to the proposed merger until the membership of the various Regions can discuss the proposal at the Annual Regional Conferences.

It was MSC to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

The proposed budget for 2002, as corrected, was presented by Will Wagner. (attached)

Susan Gullickson was elected by acclamation to fill the un-expired term vacated by Sheryl Wurl.

There was no additional business.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy A. Nelson
Board Secretary