

Eastern Region ACPE
Semi-Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA
April 25, 2002

Attendance: Approximately 50

1. Opening, Al Lumpkin, Regional Chair, invited us to engage in prayer and meditation on people who have been important to us.
2. Among the first time attendees who introduced themselves were Joan Murray of Sloan Kettering in New York City, Steve Smith of Wilmington, Delaware and Barbara Soren of Harrisburg, PA.
3. Minutes
Minutes of the previous semi-annual meeting in Vail, Colorado dated May 3, 2001, were approved.
4. Regional Director Report - Jack Gleason, submitted a written report.
 - a. Jack drew attention to a number of pastoral concerns among our membership
 - b. Jack reviewed some of the history of the functional relationship between the Eastern and Northeastern Regions. He explained that the Northeast Region has fallen below the critical mass to fill required positions in ACPE. A discussion ensued. The comment was made that what we do together needs to be done the best that we can. The view was expressed that the Northeast Region situation become a National Board issue rather than an issue for the East coast since similar circumstances exist in other regions.
 - c. Finances. Jack pointed out that we have a \$53,000 balance that is down from what it has been. Jack planed the seed for increase in student fee and the establishment of a regional endowment fund to further our strategic goals. He is currently completing an application for a grant from the Lily Foundation for scholarships for full time clergy taking CPE.
5. Financial Report - John Pumphrey
John made a brief verbal report and indicated that the statements have been submitted to National for audit.
6. Board of Reps - Cornel Rempel reported for himself and Harlan Ratmeyer also attended the Board meetings but was not able to be present at this meeting.
 - Dr. Dan Aleshire of the Association of Theological Schools spoke to and engaged in conversation with the board.
 - In 2001 income exceeded expenses by \$29,000.
 - The board authorized restructuring of the office staff to provide more administrative support for Theresa and the Commissions.
 - Steps are being taken toward becoming a title IV provider which will entitle centers to

- authorize student loan deferments
 - A printed ACPE Directory will be phased out in 2003-04.
 - Approval was given to enter into a contractual relationship with Emory University for hiring, retention and benefits of office staff.
 - An invitation to hold the 2005 Annual Conference in Hawaii was accepted.
 - A new configuration of officers was approved which provides for a President elect for one year rather than two and adding a one-year Past President category.
 - A more user-friendly five-year accreditation review was affirmed.
 - Social Security numbers will no longer be used for identification of students in the interest of security and confidentiality.
 - A task group was asked to bring back to the board a possible alternate model for certification.
 - \$17,000 will be available in 2002 for endowment grants.
7. Ethics - Jack Gleason for Israel Kestanbaum.
 - Self-reporting on ethics violations will be introduced.
 - An Ethics Workshop will be provided for at the next meeting.
 - Web site material will be made available to strengthen CPE curriculums in the area of ethics.
 8. Clinical Members - Janet Freed
Janet urged us to utilize the clinical members at the local level.
 9. 2002 Annual Fall Conference - Meigs Ross
 - Speaker will be Mindy Hall, Specialist in organizational development, transformational learning and leadership development. The conference will be held on October 16-18 at Pawling, New York.
 - Meigs was applauded for the sound planning that has gone into this conference.
 10. 2004 National Meeting in Portland, Maine **B** Joan Hemingway for Peg Lewis
 - Robert Kegan from Hartford and possibly Maria Harris will deal with the theme of teaching and religious imagination.
 - A pre-conference workshop led by Yvonne Agazarian will be held.
 - Theme of conference - Transformational Learning.
 11. Nominating Committee - Emily Jean Gilbert
Emily Jean commented on National as well as Regional items in regards to nominations.
 12. Strategic Planning - Carl Yusavitz submitted a written report. He indicated that the Development Task Force is not yet functioning.
 13. Certification - Mary Carol Nelson reported that eight out of nine from the Eastern Region who appeared before a certification committee were successful. She also reported that she and Harry Simmons have become co-chairs of the National Certification Commission.

14. Accreditation - Kathleen Ogden-Davis
 - They wish to propose to the Administrative Board to attach a penalty for late annual reports.
 - Eastern Hospital and Episcopal Health Systems have closed their CPE Centers.

15. Standards - Cathy Bickerton
 - Distance learning is being considered by the standards commission.
 - Policies on research will be developed.
 - A talk force has been created on standards and quality education.

16. Other items
 - Bonita Taylor indicated how the requirement for Faith Group Endorsement affects Rabbis since endorsements are not issued by their faith group.
 - Denise Haines applauded Mychal Springer for having won the Research of the Year Award.
 - Adjournment at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cornel G. Rempel for Robin Franklin, Secretary.