

Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc
Eastern Region
Spring Membership Meeting
Tuscarora, Pa May 5, 2005

The meeting was convened at 9:35 a.m. by Beth Glover with silent prayer.

The Agenda was adopted

The minutes from the previous meeting of November 11, 2004 were approved as presented.

Joan Hemenway, President Elect of ACPE: Greetings. Concerns for specific persons

The challenges for ACPE include the issue of how we relate to our own Networks – which range from highly organized REM to less organized, and small groups. Who “owns” the networks? Who do they answer to?

In similar vein, how do we relate to CPSP and other organizations. The Council on Collaboration and Council on Ministry in Specialized Settings are all part of the picture and puzzle.

In the area of Strategic Planning we need to address the role of Clinical Members; how we relate to seminaries; the decline in seminary memberships. Should we have a conference focused on the relationships with seminaries? Perhaps a conference with a focus on theological education.

These comments were followed by a brief discussion of our relationship with the faith groups and religious endorsing bodies.

Joint Regional Meetings comments by Pat McCoy and Ute Schmidt – continue to have joint meetings; one main leader, alternating regions. It would be better later in May

Motion: That we continue with the Joint regional meetings with the Northeast Region. MSP Conference organizers should put together plans and submit them to the Administrative Board. Urged to act on place and date soon.

Regional Director(s) Jo Clare Wilson and Nancy McCormick. Thanks to Jack, John Pumphrey, John Tier for the invaluable assistance in setting up offices and procedures. Both have been busy with moving the office. Attended board meetings and national meetings suggestions for on-line newsletter..

Standards – a written report submitted by Cathy Bickerton laid out the process through which the Standards Committee would conduct a review of the newly published Standards and Manuals over the next five years, beginning with the Professional Ethics Manual at their meeting in Hawaii. They will review using four principles: 1. Do the Standards and Manual facilitate or impede learning with regard to pastoral formation, competence and reflection? 2. Do they serve or disserve the integration of personal history, faith tradition and human sciences? 3. Do they make it easier or harder to succeed in our site or organization and to serve our recipient population. 4. Do they faithfully reflect who we are – relational, caring, goal oriented, pastoral, experience-based, and process oriented?

Finally she pointed out that some pages were missing from the Accreditation Manual (available on line) and there are multi-cultural resources available on the ACPE website.

Finance Al Lumpkin, Treasurer. A system of oversight on finances has been implemented and is being coordinated with the Regional Directors’ Office. Current balances total \$105,859.28. Report on budget vs actual expense attached. ’05 expense to date: \$21,174.25. Total for ’04 was \$62,870.71.

Council on Collaboration wait for communication from ACPE offices.

Scholarships for ACPE National Conference in Hawaii: Various levels and systems in the regions. Board of Reps and leadership members will receive \$200 toward national expenses. Consensus: we should have some sort of scholarship assistance for those who need it.

Motion: Refer this item to the Executive Committee for action. MSP

Changes in Governance manual were recommended for two sections. Rationale: to bring the regional governance into synch with the national terms of office for representation on Committees and Commission. One, that the region nominate a representative to serve on the national Standards Committee for up to two three year terms. MSP

Second, the wording in the section on Accreditation Committee be changed to allow the chair to serve two terms as chair. MSP

Nominations Committee Ray Cooley. The following were elected to terms ending in '08:

to ACPE Board of Reps: Greg Stoddard;

ACPE Certification: Ted Trout-Landen, Chair Elect, and Ken Hayden.

ER Certification: Tyler Dudley, Ken Hayden, Maureen Mitchell, Susan Lunning and Don Young;

ER Accreditation: Steve Dutton, Jim Winjum and Margaret Dougherty;

ER Budget and Investment: Bob Anderson;

ER Strategic Planning: Meigs Ross and Steven Voytovitch

ER Annual Conference: Harlan Ratmeyer and Jack Geracci

ER Nominations: Mary T. O'Neill and Richard Bennink

ACPE Appeals: Serge Castigliano, Peg Lewis, Angela Fellin, Will Sieburg and Ken Burnette

To an '06 term on ER Accreditation: Mary T. O'Neill

To an '07 term on ER Strategic Planning: David Stickley

Peer Review Tyler Dudley. 10 persons are due for Peer Review this year. One has reported plans to do the review. Others will be contacted with a reminder to get plans in place by September 1.

Accreditation Sue Asher. All centers are in compliance with the filing of annual reports. Calvary Hosp. In NY has withdrawn; Postponements were given to Overlook (10 yr review) Catholic Health East (5 yr) and Eger. Robert Wood Johnson is adding Bellevue Hosp. As Satellite. Christiana Care Health System did 10 year review; Penn Foundation received Accredited Membership and VA NY Harbor Healthcare System was granted candidacy with deficiencies.

Certification Ted Trout-Landen. The committee met with 10 candidates at this session. Three were granted Candidacy. The next meeting of the committee will be at Stony Point 9/21-23.

Ethics Emily Jean Gilbert – no activity in the Region.

Strategic Planning Carl Yusavitz. In the midst of designing a survey/conversation set up.

Clinical Members David Stickney. Survey forms for members and centers. There are a large number of clinical members who we need to get involved.

Board of Representatives Written report from Cornel Rempel. Cornel and Harlan attended for ER. Jefferey Silberman was unable to go. Much of the time for the Board was spent in a Strategic Planning Seminar led by David Forney from Columbia Theological Seminary. Joan Hemenway is taking leadership of the process for the ACPE.

In 2004 the ACPE had income of a million dollars, a surplus of \$17,000 and a return of \$23,000 from the Portland conference. We have total assets of just over two million dollars. Paula Teague is the new Treasurer.

We are pursuing relationships with Islamic groups. The Manual writing project was applauded. Greg Stoddard was involved in the project.

The Fall ACPE conference in 2006 will be in Tampa Bay.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Submitted by Will Sieburg, secretary