

**Eastern Region ACPE Spring Meeting
April 29, 2008
ExNE Bi-Regional Meeting
Stony Point, NY**

The meeting was called to order by new ER President, Kathleen Davis at 4:05 PM. Kathleen led the assembly with prayer. Approximately 65 supervisors, SITs and students were present. New members and first time attendees were introduced and welcomed .

A motion was made and seconded to **accept the minutes from the October 26, 2007** meeting.

Regional Co-Directors report was given. The regions 40th birthday was acknowledged and celebrated. A reminder was made to read the history of the Eastern Region, Building Bridges by Glenn Asquith. New supervisors to the region were welcomed and an update on site changes was given. Both are noted below in Accreditation Report. Newly certified supervisors were also celebrated. They are noted in the Certification Report below. Costs for speakers for Seminars On Supervision (SOS) and Women Supervising Women (WSW) were absorbed into the costs of registration for these events. Thanks were given to those supervisors who stepped up to fill-in in centers as needed through out the year. Bill Gaventa was congratulated for the COMISS Award he received this year. Jo Clare Wilson mentioned that the ER Certification meeting will be in Saratoga Springs, NY this year with the hope of locating a different, more centrally located and more comfortable site for the bi-regional meetings. There were a variety of responses to this but no other action was taken.

Special guest presentation and update on **The Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education (FCPE)** was given by Stu Plummer. The mission of the foundation is to support and enhance ACPE. A request was made that regions consider putting their reserve funds in the FCPE to increase its pool in order for the foundation to have better leverage and be more appealing to other investors as the FCPE goes about its work. These funds would continue to be available to the regions as they would in any other money market or similar fund. Stu invited everyone to go to the ACPE website for more information.

Budget and Investment report was given by Chair Dave Stickley. Nancy Anderson reported ER reserves are currently approximately \$100,000. The regional expenses should balance out for this year when SOS and ER meeting expenses are all cleared. Three grant requests were received and funded for less than \$10,000. Centers were encouraged to think of appropriate ways to utilize these grant funds. Kitty Garlid moved and Paul Steinke seconded a **motion that The Eastern Region move its reserve funds to the FCPE. This was unanimously approved.**

ER Standards Committee report was given by Kathleen Davis in the absence of Chair Keith Espenshade. The region was urged to review proposed changes to Standards by the

national Standards Commission as posted on the ACPE website and communicate any concerns to Keith.

Board of Representatives met in Memphis in March 2008. The report was given by Jeffery Silberman in the absence of Greg Stoddard. Dan DeArment was selected for the Distinguished Service Award. Dan, long-time supervisor in ER and Philadelphia was nominated by ER. The Board spent considerable meeting time on questions and answers related to the FCPE. Strategic Initiatives included the Certification and Accreditation Commissions to move forward with their plans, strengthening of the supervisory education program with the beginnings of a model for consideration, continue to improve relationships with seminaries, and to increase multiculturalism programming. It was noted the Board approved the Jewish Supervisors Network that two ER supervisors, Leah Wald and Naomi Kalish, presented and have moved forward nationally. They were congratulated for the initiative and creativity. The challenges to the future of ACPE include the fact that the numbers of supervisors continue to be in a downward trend and center growth seems to be stunted while administrative structure continues to grow. Send creative approaches to dealing with this to Greg or Jeffery.

Campaign support for candidates for President-elect: Bill Sriver, President of ACPE, was welcomed as an honored guest. Paul Steinke spoke in favor of candidate Carlos Bell and Jo Clare Wilson supported candidate Sally Schwab.

Professional Ethics Commission report was given by Chair Emily Jean Gilbert. Happy to report currently no ethics complaints brought forth regionally or nationally. Commission currently working under the pilot project with Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). Consult ACPE website for more information. Emily-Jean reported that APC feels this process is working well - more timely and less cumbersome. She recommends consideration of attending workshop on this at national meeting in 2008 due to the difficulty in confronting colleagues when have ethical concerns.

Strategic Planning Committee report was given by Chair Peg Lewis. Peg presented the committee's concern and confusion with "a lack of a charge" when the national commission seems to be working so well. After discussion it was **moved** by Harlan Ratmeyer and seconded by Alan Kramer-Moyer that **The ER Executive Board determine the charge for the Strategic Planning Committee. This was unanimously approved.**

Accreditation Committee report was made by Chair Steve Dutton. Heart felt thanks were given to all committee members who have worked diligently to tend to the Accreditation concerns of our centers. **Changes in Centers:** John Valentino is newly hired at Cooper Health System in Camden, New Jersey. Christiana Care Health System has a second supervisor, The Rev. Tammy Wooliver, who came to us from the Atlantic Region. Lehigh Valley Hospital hired Rev. Scott Davis who is a returning supervisor in our region. Rev. Jeff Hoppe is the new Director for Pastoral Care and Education at Geisinger Hospital in Danville, Pennsylvania. VA New York Harbor Health Care added Supervisory CPE as did John Dempsey Hospital. St. Luke's Roosevelt had a change in supervisor earlier in the year. Rabbi Naomi Kalish is the new Supervisor at St. Luke's. Lennox Hill Hospital is now without a supervisor. Hackensack University has been added

as a satellite of Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. Abington Memorial Hospital terminated their program and their supervisor as a result of institutional downsizing. Our concerns and thought go out to Dann and Leslie Young-Ward as they search for new positions. Rev. John Valentino stepped in to offer spots in his program for students left a drift as of a result of the termination at Abington; our hats' off to John Valentino for aiding these students.

All Annual Reports came in and are accounted for.

Point of Information: As a result of the Leadership Meetings in Memphis last month there are two documents we all need to incorporate into our policies and procedures and student handbooks. The two documents can be found on the ACPE web site titled *Process for Addressing Allegations of Ethical Misconduct* and *Policy for Complaints against the Accreditation Commission*. You can manage this easily either by down loading from the ACPE web site the two policies and placing them in your student handbooks or making them available to students with a short paragraph in the student handbook as to the location of the policies and how a students may access the policies.

New CPE Program: Partners in Health CPE, a CPE program sponsored by the ST. Francis Hospital and Mercy Community Health in West Hartford, Connecticut will be established as a Candidate site under the leadership of Rev. John Swift who comes back to the Eastern Region. Welcome back John.

Conference Committee report was given by Chair Carolyn Flemming-Sawyer. Those working on this 2008 conference were thanked. The conference topic for 2009 was announced as related to working with addictions and supervision.

Certification Committee report was given by Chair Ken Hayden. National: Since April, 2007 the following persons were granted their request: May, 2007 - James Cook, Rhoda Toperzer, Tammy Wooliver – Associate Supervisor; October, 2007 - Ramona Cecile, Leah Wald –CPE Supervisor; April, 2008 - Dan Mena – Associate Supervisor, Carolyn Fleming-Sawyer, Peter Kuhn – CPE Supervisor; Regional: Since Spring, 2007 the Regional Certification Committee has seen a total of 20 persons; Candidacy; two grants and five denials; Candidate Extension: one grant and one deny; Readiness: seven persons; Consultation – one; M. Divinity Equivalency- three persons. We have currently: six Associate Supervisors; 12 Candidates and 16 in Readiness. All persons in the region are in compliance with Peer Review: Tyler Dudley, Coord.. The region combines with NE region to provide theory paper position readers for National, Carlos Alejandro, Coordinator. *Material developed by Eastern Region Certification Committee on “the objectives of the Certification Committee in evaluating applicants” was reviewed by all regional chairs; all chairs have agreed to use this document as a guide for their regional certification.* (Congratulations Eastern Region movers and shakers!) All regional chairs agreed that a Presenter's Report is required for *all levels as listed* in the Certification Manual for consistency.

Regional Certification Members – names, addresses are found on the website; *Chair elect: Dr. Maureen Mitchell.* Fall Meeting: September 17 – 19, 2008 @ Saratoga Springs, NY; Declaration Deadline: July 17: Materials *postmark* deadline: August 15.

National Certification Commission: ER members – Ken Hayden, Robin Franklin and John Bucchino. **Process changes:** Regional Chairs may give administrative extension for up to six months for Candidacy (papers must pass) or Associate if their dates do not coincide with National Appearances. Regional Chair may give medical leave up to six months with appropriate documentation. We are preparing for changes to the

Certification Manual and Policies and Procedures as a result of the SERC Report, adopted by the Board on April 2, 2008 - process clarification especially at Readiness and Extensions, e.g. Readiness Consultation clarified (must have before any supervision by applicant); Theology position paper submission at Readiness; adoption of theory paper grid; Extensions: congruence of Candidacy and Associate (extension of candidate can be up to 2 years; associate – one year)

Presentations at Fall ACPE Conference, Richmond, VA October 22- 25:

Certification Commission will meet October 18 – 22; Please check website for deadlines; If you plan on meeting regionally for CPE Supervisor, please let me know ASAP. Our regional deadlines apply.

Spiritual Collaboration – February 1-4, 2009 @ Orlando, FL. This will be ACPE Annual Conference.

Nominating Committee report given by Chair Harlan Ratmeyer. A slate was presented and voted affirmatively in entirety with the exception of Board Rep which was voted separately by a show of hands. Ken Hayden was elected.

REM report given by Carlos Alejandro who shared a musical experience in harmony at REM as a metaphor to further understanding of the rhythm of others. REM is moving to identify religions that exist but are hidden to ACPE; suggests a joint initiative between REM representative, CORDs and Executive Board to foster dialog and more contact; honored J Edgar Lewis, retired supervisor from ER and supporter of REM. Eleven students applied to ER for scholarships to REM and 7 were granted.

The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Davis, President at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angelina Van Hise
ER Recording Secretary