

**Eastern Region ACPE Meeting
Stony Point, NY
October 13, 2009**

The meeting was opened at 2:30 with prayer and reflection by new ER Chair Paul Steinke. Although this was an E/NE Regions meeting only four were present at the conference from the NE Region so ER business was conducted before the group was addresses by guests The Rev. Theresa Snorton, Executive Director of ACPE, and The Rev. Deborah Whisnand, Executive Director of FCPE.

1. Nominations – Jay Cooke: Noted ballots were distributed and members were encouraged to consider the slate to be voted on at the meeting on October 14, 2009. A few openings were still available for Budget & Investment, Strategic Planning and Chair-Elect. Nominations were accepted from the floor for consideration. Jay urged group to continue to think about possible nominations for the position of chair-elect. He thanked the members of his committee – Cathy Bickerton and Paul Derrickson.

2. New Regional Registrar – Emily Jean Gilbert: Reported 25 students and 23 supervisors were present for the SOS on October 11/12, 2009 and 41 students, 42 supervisors, 2 clinical members and 3 guests registered for this regional meeting. She reported that it was a good process. The region thanked her for doing a great job.

3. Distinguished Service Award: Denise Haines was nominated for this award by Meigs Ross. Some reasons for this nomination were listed by Meigs: ACPE supervisor for 30 years, ER Chair for 4 years, Regional Director 5 years, Board of Reps 4 years, a leader in the region encouraging the pushing of boundaries, expanding vision and mission of the region, working to bring in women and underrepresented ethnic and religious groups into ACPE, administrator of the Supervisor-In-Training program at HCC, writer of articles and the regional newsletter. The nomination was seconded by Sally Campbell and unanimously accepted. Our Board Reps will carry this to the national Board of Reps meeting in November 2009.

4. Theresa Snorton, Executive Director ACPE, gave a very detailed PowerPoint presentation related to the ACPE Self-Study of Organizational and Fiscal Structure 2009 Interim Report. Bill Scribner, President of ACPE, Sally Schwab, President Elect and Theresa were charged with taking this report to all the regional meetings to inform the membership of proposed changes to the approved 2010 (Orlando meeting Jan 2009) budget so they could direct their reps how to vote at the November Board of Reps meeting. A variety of cost cutting ideas were presented which would save the organization \$61,700.00 in Phase One. Phase Two at the national ACPE Conference in Kansas City would propose the elimination of the Past President of ACPE position with a savings of \$4,500.00; staffing of work groups to make more changes to expectations and structures related to management; consideration of reducing the number of regions and reps to the Board of Reps. Phase Three hopefully would be to propose changes for 2011. Board Reps Greg and Ken distributed a Feedback Report Form to all present and collected them at the meeting to gain consensus of how the ER would like them to proceed. For more information regarding Theresa's report please contact her at the national office.

5. Deborah Wisnand, Executive Director FCPE, gave a passionate presentation regarding the state of the fund and some misconceptions that have caused some problems concerning expenses. She stated that the whole endeavor was much more complex than ACPE realized. She clarified that donations to the Annual Fund were for operating expenses and this would occur annually. This clarified, Deborah presented a need for a Capital Campaign for funds to do the work of the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 to reconvene at 10:30 AM on October 14, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,
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This second portion of the ACPE Eastern Region Fall Meeting was called to order by Paul Steinke at 10:45 AM.

1. The minutes of the 2008 fall meeting in Richmond were read and approved by Greg Stoddard and seconded by Claudia Landau Meyer with some name spelling corrections.
2. Nominating Committee – Jay Cooke: The slate for 2010 was unanimously accepted by acclamation. Jay will post the new Leadership roster on the regional website. Martin Montonye was elected Chair-Elect.
3. Budget & Investment – David Stickley: The 2010 budget incorporates the anticipated increase in funds due to the increase in regional student unit fees from \$50 to \$75 per student effective 2009. The regional bookkeeping was shifted from January to December to September to August to coincide with the educational year schedule. The Administrative Board postponed region grants for 2010 due to regional recessionary pressures. The work of the regional registrar was gratefully recognized for her helpfulness and effectiveness in the processing of funds.

Motion: Annual gift of the \$1000.00/year for operations of FCPE to be modified in the future as needed. Moved by Gloria Fish and seconded by Greg Stoddard. Unanimously approved.

Motion: To approve the 2010 Budget was moved by Greg Stoddard and seconded by Sally Campbell. Unanimously accepted.

4. Certification – Maureen Mitchell: Reported that there are 4 Associate Supervisors in the ER – Patrick Buza, Young-Ki Eun, Dan Mena, Lynne Mikulak; 24 Candidates and 4 in Readiness – one being Ken Fosse whose status is really unknown since he has been on the rolls as in Readiness for 4 years. These numbers and the diversity reflected are indicators of the health of the region. Next Certification meeting will be held at Tuscarora on March 24-26, 2010. Declaration dates are on the regional website. If anyone has dropped out they are asked to send a letter to the chair to have their names removed from the roster.
5. Accreditation – Steve Dutton: The new ACPE Standards for 2010-2015 are now on the ACPE website. Everyone was urged to familiarize self with them. There will be training in Nov for the new National Site Visit chairs who will provide leadership for all Ten-Year Reviews to begin in 2010. These will be comprised of two members designated from each region. The region will supply two members for the site visit committees as well. Newly approved: Satellite to Accredited Center: Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries; Candidate to Accredited Member: Partners CPE; there are eight Ten-Year Reviews ongoing to be completed by January 2010; three Five-Year Reviews have been completed. For 2010, there will be five Five-Year Reviews and seven Ten-Year Reviews in the region.
6. Board of Reps – Greg Stoddard and Ken Hayden: Greg and Ken will report regions response from the surveys regarding the proposed changes to the national budget; the regions nomination of Denise Haines for the Distinguished Service Award; the following recommendations for Emeritus status: Kathleen Davis, Robert Anderson, Ray Cooley, Emily Jean Gilbert, Glenn Jantzi, Richard Bennink, Jack Gleason, Denise Haines, and Gloria Fish.

Motion: Nominate everyone eligible for Emeritus Supervisor as determined by the Administrative Board. Moved by Martin Montonye, seconded by Leah Wald. Unanimously approved.

The reps again noted the new ACPE Standards are now available. Other concerns: Regional members reported significant difficulty with the Login process of the ACPE website. The current frame for directory access is not seen as user friendly. The regional membership requested a more accessible and user friendly web site especially for potential students to find the offerings of the various centers throughout the country. Distance learning is a future for all educational entities. ACPE needs to move forward on this initiative. There was a report from REM representative that in an initiative to determine the number of international students and demographic breakdowns of the diversity of ACPE, that ACPE does not keep such data. We are concerned that ACPE establish a data base for tracking data related to our activities and customers.

7. Strategic Planning – Martin Montonye: In response to the Administrative Board’s request to study the following areas –diversity in the region, the future of Supervisory Education in the region, our relationships with seminaries – Martin made the following report.
 - a) Diversity: Changes in application for foreign students to ACPE in US since 9/11 and the Home Land Securities regulations make it more difficult for foreign students to attend ACPE training in US reducing our diversity statistics. Carlos Alejandro, REM Rep, reported a lack of diversity statistics on the national level. He agreed to contact several centers in the region with high diversity numbers to begin to develop statistics to help gain clarity on this issue.
 - b) Future of SES in ER: Strategic Planning suggested the development of a task force to collect pertinent data. A 2009 ER grant would be used to develop more resources for SES in ER. Greg Stoddard shared that the 2010 Standards will contain criteria for supervisory centers and a feasibility study is under discussion on national level to look at possibility of making this a degree program.
 - c) Seminary Relations: Greg noted that this was also under consideration of the Board of Reps and that ER had made some contacts that he inadvertently duplicated since he was not aware that the Strategic Planning Committee was also making some of the same contacts. Nominating Committee and centers were reminded to consider asking seminary reps to be on committees and PAC. We will make a coordinated effort with the national endeavor.

Paul Steinke expressed a desire for Strategic Planning along with him, Carl Yusavitz and Angie Van Hise, to review the way the region organizes its meeting schedules to determine if it might be more streamlined.

8. Clinical members – Claudia Landau Meyer: Claudia engaged the group in an interactive presentation by taking a poll of the group’s understanding of various aspects associated with clinical members and their connection to ACPE as a means to encourage more interaction between centers and clinical members. She also reported that clinical members met as a group at the ACPE National Conference in Richmond at the invitation of the Board of Rep who want to know more about our clinical members as well as how they might be resources for ACPE and how we might support their continuing education needs. Claudia suggested going to the ACPE website to find out who are clinical members in our areas. There are 70 ACPE Clinical Members in the ER
9. Conference Committee – Carolyn Sawyer: Thanked all those working on this conference especially Steve Dutton and JoClare for the programming and Emily Jean as registrar.

Motion: Beginning 2010 Eastern Region ACPE will host its annual conference/meeting separate from the NE Region. Moved by Greg Stoddard and seconded by Steve Dutton. Unanimously approved. Responsibility for changes and selection of location resides with the Conference Planning Committee.

10. Co-Regional Directors Report – Nancy Anderson and JoClare Wilson: Entertained the group with a slide show of highlights from this and other regional events and transitions within the region.

The meeting was closed at 12:25 PM with the Serenity Prayer led by Sue Asher.

Respectfully submitted,

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