

**Northeast Region
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education
Membership Meeting
February 28/29, 2008**

Attendance: Claudia Blanchette, Jack Crabb, Sharon Frank, Mary Anne Gallagher, Kathleen Gallivan, Larry Gilbert, Mary Beth Hayes (only 2/28), Ron Hindelang, Peggy Kieras, Patrick McCoy, Martin Montonye, Shirley Nugent, Vera O'Brien, John Pearson, Joan Rossi, Ute Schmidt, Mary Martha Thiel, Jay Turner, Angelika Zollfrank

1. Minutes of last meeting:

Motion to approve minutes: PM. Second: MM no opposing votes.

2. Report Regional Director

Development: reaffirmation of the creation of a regional development position. The goal of this role will be to build collaborative relationships with seminaries and judicatories. The Executive Committee will work on job description, outcomes, and expectations.

Regional Directors' Consultation:

New Ethics Complaint Procedure (see: www.ACPE.edu).

- Jointly implemented pilot process approved by boards of ACPE and the APC
- Cuts out regional involvement, once complaint gets beyond the center
- Executives and ethics chairpersons of both professional organizations (APC, ACPE) and Ann Underwood, outside consultant for ACPE, will be involved in initial review.
- Three Review Panels composed of two members of the affected organization and one member of the other organization.
- PK registers an objection with the process of the pilot being instated without involving the Standards Committee. JC identifies this as sentinel issue

Strategic Planning:

An endowment is being built to realize ACPE national goals. A development/consulting firm was contracted and initial fundraising efforts are underway. Potential goals are to create space for national office, to support development initiatives, etc.

Electronic Student Reports and submission of regional fees

Inter-regional cooperation

Difficulties in cooperation regarding Bi-regional Meeting were stated. Discussion of benefits and burdens as well as the nature of the relationship with the Eastern Region:

Benefits

Educational opportunities
Repackaging Bi-regional conference as CEU event

Burdens

Time and financial resources
Two thirds of the region, do not attend bi-regional meeting

Excellent educational offerings
Diversity offers enrichment
Creativity of collaboration

Geographical location
Low energy of Northeast region
Joint organization has historically
been frustrating

Overall the group seems to want to continue the collaboration. PM points out that the work of cooperation could be done by a development person. Worries are being expressed that the region might at some point not be able to regenerate itself.

3. Report of standing committees

Accreditation:

Members express appreciation for Mary Gerrior's faithful and committed work as regional accreditation chair. Jay Turner is the new accreditation chair

Addendum threshold statement: quality programs need to demonstrate 75% rate in students successfully completing a unit.

Process for Complaints about Educational standards is now a standard and needs to be included in policies and procedures of CPE handbooks. In contrast, the Ethics Complaint process is a pilot, not a standard. The CPE handbook needs to refer to the ACPE website, listing this complaint process.

SERC (Supervisory Education Re-Design Committee)

MBH chairs this committee. After a five-year review process, SERC will report to the board in March. The following suggestions will be passed on to certification and standards to be realized in 2010:

- Changing or shortcutting associate status was not accepted
- Formulation of minimum requirements for competencies for supervisory ed.
- Proposal: readiness committee as point for re-evaluation of competencies
- Theological paper at candidacy
- Standards of Supervisory education units (length)
- No standardized curriculum
- Suggestions for composition of supervisory students' evaluations
- Consistency in format of evaluation
- New theory paper guidelines to reflect growing openness (spirituality, cosmology)

Certification

- Pass rate at the national meetings in spring and fall 90%
- 28 candidates are on the docket for March
- Jan Humpheys incoming national chair for certification (beginning in 2009)
- Kathy and Ted Trout-Landen work on 2010 certification manual.
- Regional: Jack Crabb and Joan Rossi met committees and were granted extension
- Peer review for 2008: CK, RH, MM, MBH

- Inactive status sets in, when supervisor has not supervised in three years.
Appearance for consultation before supervising again
- Questions about standards for peer review were raised. Discussion was tabled.
- Supervisory candidates cannot supervise independently before passing candidacy.

History

- Historical archives of the NE region are accessible at ANTS and HDS.
Encouragement to send self-studies to Larry Gilbert.
- History network collects biographies of supervisors in a book of remembrance. A template with guidelines for writing a biography is available through LG.
- Suggestion for supervisory education: include interviews with older supervisors as a way of encountering living history
- Suggestion to contact inactive or retired supervisors living in region

Standards

Standards committee regularly reviews accreditation, professional ethics, certification, and makes recommendations. Changes are implemented only every five years.

- DOE review led to educational grievance procedure and level of completion threshold. It was noted that non-completion might indicate educational quality
- Professional Ethics was urged to be more transparent
- Grievance of accreditation: If center feels that they have been wronged by accreditation there needs to be a process to use a grievance procedure.
- Distress was expressed about more “centralized ways of operating” in ACPE

Nominating

Motion that the region endorse MBH to be the ad hoc representative for the March board meeting and that the members elect US as member of the Board of Representatives approved, no opposing votes.

Motion that the region endorse Frank Irvine and Mary Coffey to be supervisors emeriti recommended to the Board.

Motion adopted, no opposing votes.

- John Pearson’s term as treasurer will end by December. At the June meeting an amendment to the governance manual to eliminate the term limit of the office of the treasurer will be considered.
- Bob Morse’s term on the board will end
- Martin Montonye’s representation on the national
- Peggy Kieras Chair of RANK will end
- Accreditation committee will need new members

Seminary Relationships

CPE Fair is planned for September 24, 2008.

Suggestions included: ANTS as site for a meeting with Field Education Representatives; plan to meet in groups of former students, future CPE students and Supervisors; meet at *either* HDS or EDS

Report from Representatives to ACPE Board

Neither board member is present. PM reports in lieu of MBH:

Action of the board on the regional governance manual: the governance manual was turned down and not sent back the regional group for revision. Frustration was expressed over the lengthy process.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to pass budget 2008 as proposed (MMT, KG second) was adopted. No opposing votes.

Certification fee structure: KG points out that the NE region's fees are significantly lower than in other regions.

Discussion: What might higher fees be used for? Does the fee structure reflect the value of the committee consultations? Is it appropriate to add to the financial burden of persons in supervisor education?

Change of ACPE conference to spring 2009

National meeting in Richmond in October, 2008.

Conjoint conference of 6 professional groups in February 2009

- Decision to schedule a 9:30 – 11:00 am fall business meeting on the CPE Fair day, September 24, 2008.
- Membership to cast ballot for 2009 nominations will be conducted per email in June.
- Business meeting planned for spring 2009.

Future step: discussion of possibilities for regional financial support to members to be able to attend national meetings. This discussion may also relate back to the discussion about regional fee structure.

Miscellaneous:

Recommended resource: DVD "Lost Childhood": copies are available through Sharon Frank. In addition to viewing of DVD students write a reflection paper on their own experiences with drugs or alcohol, and alcoholic families.