

**Association for Clinical Pastoral Education
Joint Executive Committee Meeting (ExNE)
Stony Point Center, Stony Point, New York
March 31- April 1, 2003**

Present: Cornel Rempel, Claudia Blanchette, Sharon Frank, Al Lumpkin, Jack Gleason, Robin Franklin, Pat McCoy, Martin Montonye, Don Bloom, John Pumphrey and Harlan Ratmeyer

CHECK-IN

AGENDA

The regions separated to make an agenda for the two regions to discuss together. The following items were agreed on as the agenda for discussion. The parentheses indicate which region raised the issue.

1. Regional Conference 2004 (Eastern Region). Both regions felt that this was an important item.
2. Leadership Structure (Northeast Region). The region is overburdened by structure and not having enough people.
3. Continuing partner concerns/participation in activities done by both regions. (Eastern Region)
4. Development Issues (Northeast Region)
 - a. the Northeast does not have a strategic plan
 - b. the region is looking at its ability to provide CPE (there are centers in the Northeast that do not have supervisors)
 - c. no activity in terms of REM and are exploring ways to increase it
5. Moving towards intentional working together (i.e. officers, RD, membership) and best utilization of leadership/membership. (Eastern Region)
6. Community development/involvement in the life and ongoing development of the region with the inclusion of collegiality in and across community lines. (Northeast Region)

REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2004

After discussing the primary concerns for a regional conference that would prepare the regions for the national meeting and continue the partnership work that has already been done, the importance of the following points was emphasized.

1. Leadership empowers the planning committee to carry out its task.
2. The committees work together, as one committee, on planning.
3. The conference committee regularly updates leadership on the progress of conference planning.
4. Martin Montonye, in his role as an ex-officio member of the planning committee, act as a liaison.
5. Bill Gaventa (Eastern) and Mary Beth Hayes (Northeast) are the conference chairs.
6. A suggestion was made that the committee becomes the Bi-Regional Conference Committee as a way of emphasizing working together. Further discussion regarding any possible change will take place during the Administrative Board meeting on April 11.

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

1. The NE Region is experiencing incongruity between the organizational structure of ACPE and the size of the region (its smallness).
2. The region is looking at ways that it can be more functional.
3. The region is also looking at how it handles its administrative services (i.e. is a regional director necessary).
4. The Northeast and Eastern Region want to encourage sub-regional meetings by the Certification Committees in order to avoid overnight stays. Both regions also want the committees to continue the work they have been doing together.

Lengthier discussion took place regarding leadership structure and how this issue effects both regions on an individual basis as well as in partnership. As a result of this discussion, it was decided that both Executive Committees recommend the following four proposals to their respective Administrative Boards.

1. Explore what it will mean for both regions to share a Regional Director.
2. To continue the work that has already begun as a result of working together on the regional meeting.
3. To continue to work together regarding certification.
4. To promote attendance at regional meetings. Examples include invitation, encouraging people to plan vacation time around conference, hospitality and seeking out the evaluations of the previous year's meeting.

Agenda items four and six still need to be addressed, though it was agreed that item six got some attention in terms of thinking about making regional meetings more hospitable.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Martin is still interested in working as chair for the Eastern Region. Discussion took place regarding the complexity of such an arrangement and it was felt that more discussion should take place during the Administrative Board meeting in April.
2. Currently, there is \$250 in the Susan Lyons' Endowment Fund. The region is hoping, with Martin Montonye's help, to encourage Susan's parents to make a donation to the fund.
3. In an effort to continue to emphasize those areas that both regions can work on or have been working on together, members of the Executive Committee will take responsibility to present what was discussed in this meeting to the Administrative Board.

Al Lumpkin - Certification

Martin Montonye - Conferences/Proposed Questions about the Regions' Future

Jack Gleason - Website and Newsletter

Harlan Ratmeyer - Regional Office

Robin Franklin - REM

John Pumphrey - Promotion

Respectfully Submitted,

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