

2017 NATIONAL VIA DE CRISTO ANNUAL GATHERING BUSINESS MEETING

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

JULY 27-29, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Steve Gielda, President, at 3:35 p.m. EDT on Thursday, July 27, 2017.

Pastor Mark opened with prayer.

Steve introduced the NLS Board Members.

The delegates were seated by Secretary Carol McGill and a quorum was declared.

Wendy Showalter, Vice President of Outreach (VPO), welcomed two new secretariats to our VdC family - Calgary Via de Cristo and Texas Gulf Coast Via de Cristo.

Steve provided an explanation of the election process and noted the Board positions that were open for nominations from the floor.

Steve gave an introduction to the proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws.

Paul Schmidlin, Executive Director, gave a presentation regarding the importance of the 4th Day Community.

Steve reviewed the 2016-2017 Vision/Goals and shared the goals for the remainder of 2017.

Pastor Mark closed with prayer.

Recessed at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting was reconvened by Steve at 9:30 a.m. EDT on July 28, 2017.

Pastor Mark opened with prayer.

The Pastoral video was viewed and discussed. A letter is also available for each Lay Director or any other community member to use in an attempt to meet with pastors in their areas.

Nominations for Executive Committee Open Positions

Steve called three times for nominations from the floor for the office of President. Raleigh Sandy, VdC of Ohio, moved that nominations be closed. Second. Motion carried.

Steve called three times for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President of Outreach. Dick Brenneman, VdC of Ohio, moved that nominations be closed. Second. Motion carried.

Steve called three times for nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary. Magdala Ray, Gold Coast VdC, moved that nominations be closed. Second. Motion carried.

Each nominee was given the floor to introduce themselves - for President: Wendy Showalter and John Aclin; for Vice President of Outreach (VPO): Kim Brownlow and Ellick Morey; for Secretary: Debbie Klatt

Each member of the NLS Board (both elected and appointed positions) presented an overview of the activities of the past year.

Welcome by Wake Forest University representative.

Financial presentation, Brenda Accola, Treasurer.

Meeting was recessed at 10:40 a.m. EDT.

Meeting was reconvened at 2:35 p.m EDT on July 28, 2017.

Prayer was led by Pastor Mark.

Wendy shared stories and photos of her visit to Papua New Guinea, representing NLS at their first leadership conference.

Modified Constitution & Bylaws

Discussion of the modification to remove the word *autonomous* from Articles Two (2) and Five (5) and all other locations in the Constitution. Tracy Schmidlin, Good News VdC, moved to keep the word *autonomous* in the Constitution. Second.

Butch Seeley moved to call the question. Motion carried.

Motion to keep the word *autonomous* carried.

The Board moved that all changes/additions to the Constitution and Bylaws that are the result of a change in IRS regulations and Minnesota law be approved. Motion second. Motion carried.

Constitution Article 3 – Exempt Activities Limitation

Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-laws, no director, officer, employee, member, or representative of this corporation shall take any_or carry on any activity by or on behalf of the corporation not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as it now exists or may be amended, or by any organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and Regulations as it now exists or may be amended. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit or be distributable to any director, officer, member, or other private person, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and these By-laws.

Constitution Article 11 – 501(c)3 Compliance

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or

otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The remainder of Constitution/By Law proposed changes to be discussed tomorrow.

The Thrivent representative gave a brief presentation.

Recessed at 4 pm.

July 29, 2017

Meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m. EDT

Pastor Mark opened with prayer.

Constitution and Bylaws

The Board moved that the word “Nominated” be changed to “Nominating” in Article 6, Section 1. Richard Brenneman, VdC of Ohio, moved that debate cease. Seconded. Motion carried.

Main motion second and carried.

The Board moved that “or by video teleconference” be added in Article 6, Section 1.

Friendly amendment to retain “in person” made by Jon Warsop, Good News VdC. Second. Board accepts this change.

Raleigh Sandy, VdC Ohio, moved that debate cease. Motion carried.

Main motion second and carried.

Rose Briggs moved to amend by adding the word “registered and”. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Board moved that Bylaw 5.2 be changed.

John Warsop, Good News VdC, moved to postpone until the 2018 National Gathering. Second.

Jack Eggenburger, Good News VdC, moved that debate cease. Carried.

Division of the House: 51 yes, 46 no

Motion to postpone carried.

Board moved the adoption of new Bylaw 5.5.

National Lutheran Secretariat Executive Committee, by an affirmative two-thirds vote, may suspend or expel an affiliated secretariat for causes detrimental to the corporation's activities or if the affiliated secretariat is in conflict with the corporation's goals and objectives

Jason Christensen, VdC of Minnesota, moved that debate cease. Second and carried.

Main motion second and carried.

Board moved the adoption of new Bylaw 8.2.

The corporation shall operate on a fiscal year ending May 31st.

Raleigh Sandy, VdC of Ohio, moved that debate cease. Second and carried.

Motion to adopt Bylaw 5.5 second and carried.

Election Results

President: Wendy Showalter

Vice President of Outreach

Secretary: Debbie Klatt

Presentation of 2017-2018 Budget by Brenda

Board moves the approval of the 2017-2018 Budget.

2017-2018 Budget is approved by delegates.

Six of the Regional Coordinators gave reports on activities in their regions.

Butch Seeley moved to destroy ballots. Second. Carried.

Shirley Ostrem, Northern Light VdC moved to adjourn. Second. Carried.

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m. EDT

Carol McGill

Secretary