

NLS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026 @ 4:34 pm PDT

E. C. In Attendance

Brian Comeno, Pastor G. Karl Gaston, Carolyn Witham, Jerry Gray, Karen Weires, Tom Kirk, Heidi Schneiter, Brian Schwarz

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Brian C.

Opening Prayer

- Opening prayer led by Pastor G. Karl

Approval of Secretary's Report

- Minor correction: remove word "seriously" in annual gathering section
- Minutes approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

- Amounts not in March 2026 financials, that will be in April 2026 financials
 - Expenses: \$4,020 (travel), \$6,000 (grant training)
 - Total additional expenses: approximately \$10,000
 - Net income reduced to approximately break-even
- Expected dividend: \$1,000–\$1,500
- Report accepted with no changes
- Additional Information
 - Average cost for Board members for AG over past three years has averaged \$360.

President's Report/Items

- Yearend Report
 - Report to Carolyn by July 1
 - Covers activities through May 31
- Nomination Forms
 - NLS Board positions
- Wisconsin Secretariat (SonRise) at risk
 - Brian C. to schedule a call

- Indian River showing improvement through collaboration
- Palanca Website is working at last check
- Registration Update for AG 2026
 - PayPal not working
 - Accept checks moving forward
- Grant Writing Course
 - Jerry attended orientation/training session
 - Jerry and Brian S. to meet to exchange information
- Site Visit AG 2027
 - Scheduled for May 28, 2026
 - Need Florida Host Committee
 - Information Needed
 - Communication/AV needs
 - Cost
 - Payments
- Scholarship & Circle of Servant
 - Tom to send emails to Regional Coordinators (RC) for nominations

Compliance and Audit Discussion

- Steve Barnett not receiving meeting invites
 - Emails are being sent-maybe an email change
 - Offered to step down from compliance role
- Decision: allow resignation and seek replacement
 - Brenda Accola identified as potential auditor

Review of Meeting Dates

- NLS EC Meetings
 - EC & Appointed Position Meetings
- SD Roundtable
- LD Roundtable

Annual Gathering 2026

- Registration numbers are strong
- Positive outlook for attendance

Action Items

- Karen to send Brenda's contact info to Brian C.
 - Brian to contact Brenda regarding audit role
- Secretariat leadership to prepare year-end reports
 - Carolyn to compile reports
- Brian C. to organize meeting with Wisconsin secretariat to provide support
- Tom to contact RCs for nominations
- Continuing to monitor website Palanca functionality

Adjournment

- Adjournment at 5:56 pm PDT

APPROVED