

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 30, 2009, 8:30 – 9:45 AM
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Regency A, Washington, DC

I. Call to Order

Patricia Savage, Chairperson of the LSA Board of Directors, announced the presence of a quorum for the Meeting and called the Meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion

ADOPTED

That the Agenda for the 2009 LSA Annual Meeting be approved as presented.

III. Minutes of April 24, 2008 LSA Annual Meeting

Motion

ADOPTED

That the Minutes of the 2008 LSA Annual Meeting be approved as presented.

IV. Called to Love and Serve Our Neighbors

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Larson, Executive Director, Church in Society, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and a member of the LSA Board of Directors, engaged the membership with theological perspectives on the theme of the Conference, the call to love and serve our neighbors. She noted that the theme is both shorthand, and motivation, for the work of Lutheran social ministry. Central to Lutheran understanding is justification by grace through faith which sets people free to love and serve the neighbor. She examined the concept of grace in many different languages. To be Lutheran is to be the body of Christ in the world practicing grace, particularly with the most vulnerable. To be Lutheran is to love and serve the neighbor.

V. Report of the Chair

Patricia Savage asked the membership to join her in thanking the LSA President and CEO, Jill Schumann, for her exemplary leadership and the LSA staff for their rich work with members. She noted the high regard with which LSA is held on the national scene, shared her experience of being invited by LSA to attend the Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service at the National Cathedral, and touched on several stories from LSA social ministry organizations that embodied the call to love and serve the neighbor. Dr. Savage ended by thanking the Board for their fine efforts, and the membership for their vital role in the vocation of Lutheran social ministry, and their work together in LSA.

VI. Report of the President and CEO

Jill Schumann referenced her written report and focused on several key areas:

Five Ends – Motivated and sustained by God's call to love and serve the neighbor:

- *Lutheran social ministry organizations are healthy and vital, engaged in effective service and advocacy*
- *Lutheran social ministry organizations live out their Lutheran identities*
- *The Lutheran social ministry system has integrated, results-driven capacity*
- *Lutheran social ministry expresses a spirit of possibility and a will that shapes the future*
- *LSA and its members, in partnership with others, are leading a movement of hope and grace toward a society that values generosity, inclusion, justice and mutual care*

Four Themes for the Coming Year

- *Financial strategies for lean times*
- *Collaboration as art and science*
- *Linking service and advocacy*
- *Technology as enabler*

Three Competencies

At the national level, LSA will be mobilizing in new ways around the following competencies:

- *Process* – convening, facilitating, partnering, consulting
- *Knowledge* – Lutheran social ministry, leadership development, emerging issues
- *Leverage* – expertise, relationships and energy – becoming “connectors extraordinaire” with LSA and many partners

Two Thoughts

- *Hope* – There are many secular discussions of hope these days, but as people of faith, hope is built on nothing less than God’s promises.
- *Together* – Those involved with Lutheran social ministry, by working together, can embody hope in ways that speak to the needs of the world in these times.

One Call

LSA is called to love and serve the neighbor – Together.

VII. Financial Report for LSA Fiscal Year 2008

Paul Middeke, Audit Committee Chair, reported on the LSA financial report for fiscal year 2008. The Audit Committee met with the external auditors at the beginning of the audit and at the end of the examination to discuss the results of the audit. He referenced the audited financial statements provided to the membership in the Annual Meeting materials and stated that there was a clean unqualified opinion by the auditors. There were no material weaknesses and the changes recommended have been implemented. The Audit Committee reappointed Clifton Gunderson, LLP, as auditors for the current fiscal year. Paul Middeke thanked the Audit Committee members from the Board, Bob Tuttle (Chair), Chris Andersen and Mark Peterson and non-Board member, Toni McNeal, CFO, KenCrest.

VIII. LSA Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

Kathleen Elliott Chillison, Treasurer, LSA Board of Directors, presented the LSA Fiscal Year 2010 Budget to the membership. She referenced the proposed budget provided to the membership in the Annual Meeting materials and noted that the proposed budget had been reviewed and approved by the appropriate individuals from the ELCA and the LCMS. She noted the effects of the economic situation on LSA revenues and the adjustments made by LSA for expenses. LSA will monitor and make further adjustments as necessary in the coming year. The proposed LSA Fiscal Year 2010 Budget was recommended by the LSA Board of Directors for presentation at the Annual Meeting with total revenues of \$2,309,032 and total expenses of \$2,308,366. Patricia Savage requested a motion and second.

Motion

ADOPTED

That the LSA Fiscal Year 2010 Budget be adopted as presented.

IX. Report of Class A Board Member Nomination Committee

Luanne Fisher, the Chair of the Class A Board Member Nomination Committee, directed the members to the Report of the Committee. She thanked the Committee members for their work: Kurt Senske, LSA Board of Directors; Betsy Warburton, President and CEO, Bethany Life Communities, Story City, IA; and Paul Opgrande, President, Tacoma Lutheran Home and Retirement Community, Tacoma, WA. She presented the slate of nominees for election. Patricia Savage requested and received a second to the motion.

Motion

ADOPTED

That William Hanawalt, Barbara Dröher Kline and Samuel M. Sipes be elected as Class A Board Members for three year terms (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012)

Barbara Dröher-Kline (*Second Term*)

President and CEO, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, Concord, CA

William Hanawalt (*First Term*)

Director, Peace Community Center, Tacoma, WA

Samuel M. Sipes (*First Term*)

President and CEO, Lutheran Services Florida, Inc., Tampa, FL

X. Amendments to the Bylaws of LSA

Patricia Savage directed the membership to the amendments to the LSA Bylaws as recommended by the LSA Board of Directors. She summarized the amendments as follows:

- Adding two at-large Directors to the LSA Board
- Changing the role from Chair-Elect to Vice Chairperson
- Moving the start of Director and Officer terms to July 1
- Amending Bylaws language to comport with current ELCA and LCMS language and practice.

She noted that the amendments had been communicated widely to the membership in concurrence with the LSA Bylaws. Patricia Savage requested a motion and second.

Motion

ADOPTED

That the attached recommendation from the LSA Board of Directors for Amendments to the LSA Bylaws be adopted as presented.

XI. Recognition of Board Service

Newly-Elected Board Officers

Patricia Savage announced the newly elected officers of the LSA Board of Directors:

Patricia Savage as Chairperson (*Second Term*)

Ted Goins, Jr. as Vice Chairperson (*First Term*)

Kathleen Elliott Chillison as Treasurer (*First Term*)

David Benke as Secretary (*Second Term*)

Departing Board Members

Patricia Savage expressed gratitude to the departing Board members, Kent Burgess, Luanne Fisher, Paul Middeke and Gregory Pile. She presented them with gifts in thanksgiving for their years of service.

Installation and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gregory Pile and David Benke conducted a service of installation for the new Board members with prayers of thanksgiving for the departing members of the Board.

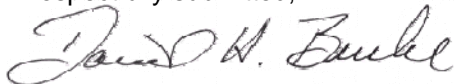
XII. Invitation to the 2010 Annual Conference

Patricia Savage invited everyone to attend the 2010 Annual Conference scheduled for Monday – Wednesday, April 26-28, 2010 in Sacramento, CA at the Hyatt Sacramento.

XIII. Adjournment of Meeting

Patricia Savage thanked the membership and adjourned the meeting at 9:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



David H. Benke
Secretary