

Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 8:00 – 9:45 AM
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Regency A, Washington, DC

A plated breakfast was served at 8:00 AM.

I. Call to Order

Dr. 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 8:35 AM.

II. Devotions

Dr. Steed Davidson, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, began the morning devotions with a reading from Genesis 41:25-31. He spoke about the meaning of abundance in lean times and reflected on the LSA Conference theme, *Abundant Life Together*, ending his devotions with prayer.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion

ADOPTED

That the Agenda for the 2010 LSA Annual Meeting be approved as presented.

IV. Minutes of April 30, 2009 LSA Annual Meeting

Motion

ADOPTED

That the Minutes of the 2009 LSA Annual Meeting be approved as presented.

V. Report of the Chairperson

Patricia Savage presented her report entitled, *You Can Go Home Again*, and spoke of her journey in service on the LSA Board of Directors that has encompassed and provided new context to her continuing work in social ministry. She related insights she has gained in looking at the whole of LSA: its dedicated leadership by Jill Schumann; the expertise, insights and commitment of the Board; and the sheer scope and diversity of the services performed by LSA members of all sizes. Noting that the broad strengths of the LSA system – peer consultation, public policy advocacy, networking, cooperative work with the ELCA and LCMS, and building relationships with a wide range of coalitions and other partners – are always at work, she commented on the ability of LSA to provide professional development and service enhancement while embarking upon new initiatives and mobilizing members to explore innovation and enterprise. Rejoicing in the remarkable work done by Lutheran social ministry organizations, Dr. Savage reminded the membership of the work that remains to be done and noted that she is energized by a broadened perspective and by the call to love and serve the neighbor.

VI. Report of the President and CEO

Jill Schumann referenced her written 2010 Report of the President and CEO, *A Picture of Possibilities*, and then focused her remarks on two themes: 1) Seeing an exciting picture of possibilities requires new angles and new lenses in order to envision something different; and 2) Envisioning and enacting those new possibilities is best done together.

To cultivate a new picture of possibilities LSA and its members need to: cultivate new “minds”; invite others in; find the bright spots and clone them; search together, share new perspectives and aggregate efforts; and overcome fear with faith. She highlighted several of the LSA projects in which members are seeing new possibilities for working together: *Technology for*

Independence; Volunteers in Vogue; Growth Ready. A Center for Enterprise; Caregiver Suite and its first two offerings, Support U and First Circle Friends. Jill Schumann also noted the emerging possibilities for new opportunities in service for children and youth, assisting congregations in their work to and with people who are aging, and taking cues from the exciting initiatives of the LSA Disability Network.

The theme for the 2011 LSA Conference will be *A Picture of Possibilities*; a passage from Isaiah will serve as its inspiration: *I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

VII. Financial Report for LSA Fiscal Year 2009

Bob Tuttle, Audit Committee Chair, reported on the LSA financial report for fiscal year 2009. The Audit Committee met with Clifton Gunderson, 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. No internal control letters were issued and there were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies discovered. The Board of Directors reappointed Clifton Gunderson, LLP, as auditors for fiscal year 2010. Bob Tuttle thanked the Audit Committee members from the Board, Chris Andersen and Mark Peterson, and non-Board member, Toni McNeal, CFO, KenCrest.

VIII. LSA Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) Budget

Kathleen Elliott Chillison, Treasurer, LSA Board of Directors, presented the LSA Fiscal Year 2011 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 and was being recommended by the LSA Board of Directors. The 2011 LSA budget is a balanced budget. It includes the release of restricted grant contributions received in February of this fiscal year to fund the implementation of those grant projects throughout FY 2011. LSA is in a sound financial position; cash and investment positions will remain sound throughout FY 2011. LSA presently maintains laddered CDs, which meet the Board's reserve requirements. In addressing financial challenges, as in the previous year, LSA is operating at continued lower staffing levels and lower expense levels, while continuing to focus on the development of new revenue streams. LSA will monitor and make further adjustments as necessary in the coming year.

The proposed LSA Fiscal Year 2011 Budget was recommended by the LSA Board of Directors for presentation at the Annual Meeting with total revenues of \$2,129,500 and total expenses of \$2,427,400, with the net of revenues less expenses of \$297,900 to be addressed with the release of temporarily restricted assets from the prior year of \$298,800, leaving a net asset of \$900.

Patricia Savage requested a motion and second.

Motion

ADOPTED

That the LSA Fiscal Year 2011 Budget be adopted as presented.

IX. Report of the Board Member Nomination Committee

Chris Andersen, Chair of the Committee, explained the configuration of the LSA Board and the responsibilities of the Committee to provide nominations of Class A members to be voted upon at the LSA Annual Meeting of the Membership, to provide Class C candidates to be voted upon by the LSA Board of Directors, and to provide advice for the appointments of Class B candidates by the LCMS and the ELCA. He noted that Brian Hofland, Director for the Center for Economic Justice at the AARP Foundation, has agreed to serve as an ELCA appointee and has been affirmed by the ELCA Council. He directed the Members to the Report of the Committee and thanked the Committee for their work: Chuck Gould, President, Volunteers of America, VA; Ruth Henrichs, CEO, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska; Fred Kraegel, LSA Board of Directors; Bob Miles, CEO, Lutheran Child and Family Service of Michigan; Julie Swanson, CEO, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia; Sam Sipes, LSA Board of Directors.

He presented the slate of nominees recommended by the Board of Directors for election: John E. Bauer (*First Term*), President and CEO, Bethesda Lutheran Communities, Inc., Watertown, WI; Wendy Z. Goldstein (*First Term*), President and CEO, Lutheran HealthCare, Brooklyn, NY; Linda Timmons (*Second Term*), President and CEO, Mosaic, Omaha, NE.

Patricia Savage requested and received a second to the motion.

Motion

ADOPTED

That John E. Bauer, Wendy Z. Goldstein and Linda Timmons be elected as Class A Board Members for three year terms (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013)

X. Recognition of Board Service

Newly-Elected Board Officers

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

Ted Goins, Jr., Chairperson (*First Term*)
Linda Timmons, Vice Chairperson (*First Term*)
Fred Kraegel, Treasurer (*First Term*)
David deFreese, Secretary (*First Term*)

Departing Board Members

Ted Goins, Vice Chairperson of the Board, and Chairperson-elect, expressed gratitude to the departing Board members, Chris Andersen, Mark Peterson and Patricia Savage for their service on the Board and its committees and for the leadership they provided during the LSA *Vision for the Next Decade* process. He presented them with gifts in thanksgiving for the two terms of service from 2004-2010. Patricia Savage was presented with a gift recognizing her two terms of service as Board Chairperson from 2008-2010.

XI. Invitation to the 2011 Annual Conference

Ted Goins invited everyone to attend LSA's 15th conference, the 2011 Annual Conference, scheduled for Wednesday – Friday, May 4-6, 2011 in Milwaukee, WI at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee.

XII. Adjournment of Meeting

Patricia Savage thanked the membership and adjourned the meeting at 9:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



David H. Benke
Secretary