

CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
Cleveland Marriott-Airport
Pre-meetings
June 20 - 21, 2019

Joint meeting with Board of Governors, Thursday June 20, 2019.

1. Call to order and Roll Call: The joint meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and the Board of Governors of the Congregational Foundation was called to order by Chairwoman Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer at 6:30 PM EDT in the Erie Room.

Secretary, Judy Campbell recorded the attendance.

BoD Members present Vice Moderator Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, Chairwoman; Moderator, Jim Waechter; Secretary, Judy Campbell; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Miriam Bryant; Rev. Dr. Martin Hall; Jodee Lord; Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere*

BoD Members Absent: Rev. Dr. Don Olsen

BoG Members Present: President Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere; Vice President Edith Bartley, Secretary Laura Hamby; Varn Philbrook; Blane Simons; Bob Smith;

BoG Members Absent: Kevin Gromley; Treasurer Rick Bauzenberger; Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski

Also present: Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum, Executive Director; Dan Drea, CFO; Debra Fulton, Director of Development and Communications; Tracy Bernhardt, DoD Assistant; Claudia Kniefel, BoD Member at large 2019 nominee.

2. CFO Dan Drea reviewed the recent financial audit and answered questions regarding audit assumptions.

**2018/19 C 043 Motion by Jeff Dillon for the Finance Committee to accept the Audited Financials for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 conducted by Reilly, Penner & Benton LLP.
Motion adopted.**

7:55 PM – Board of Directors’ Meeting in recess Friday morning

Friday, June 21

Board of Directors meeting reconvened at 9:00 AM in the Ontario Room.

Chairwoman Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer offered devotion and called the meeting to order.

Secretary, Judy Campbell recorded the attendance.

BoD Members present Vice Moderator Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer, Chairwoman; Moderator, Jim Waechter; Secretary, Judy Campbell; Treasurer, Jeff Dillon; Rev. Dr. Martin Hall; Jodee Lord; Rev. Dr. Don Olsen (attended afternoon session)

BoD Members Absent: Miriam Bryant; Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere (attending BOG)

Also present: Claudia Kniefel, BoD Member at large 2019 nominee. Executive Director Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum joined for the afternoon session.

Vice Moderator Hammer gave an update on the Strategic planning process and reviewed giving to the Shared Ministries Fund. Long term plan is to make systemic changes to achieve a balanced budget.

Group discussion of Fair Share options: What would be achieved by increasing the Fair Share amount? Consensus was not to pursue increasing the FS amount but to put efforts into relationship with churches. If the churches felt the NA was more valuable, they may voluntarily increase giving. Follow-up needs to be made with non-contributing churches.

Congregationalist Magazine Discussion of options: Sell subscriptions; Limit “free” copies; Sell ads; and others. List of recommendations for Task Team to consider.

Discussion of endowing major positions in the NA. Many concerns. Need discussion with the Board of Governors.

Break for lunch.

Reconvened at 1:30 PM

Executive Director Michael Chittum updated the Bod on the Foundation Board of Governors activities. Over the past months they have made bylaw changes and petitioned the IRS for a change in 501 c3 status to align with current support of the NACCC.

BoD discussions continued.

Building Relationships with our churches: List of suggestions included visiting churches, postcards, regular contact, communicating available services. Need to grow identity as NACCC. How do we affect cultural change in member churches?

Schedule of meetings: Plan is to have 6 regular meetings, every other month beginning July 29 then the 2nd Monday in September, November, January, March, May and June Pre-meetings.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 13 Conference call was e-mailed to each member.

2018/19 C 044 Motion by Jeff Dillon to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 conference call as corrected. Motion seconded and adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM. There will be no BoD meeting on Saturday.

Judy Campbell

Secretary

Prior to the Plenary Session on Saturday, outgoing Director Miriam Bryant was presented with a gift and thanks for her service.