

NCMAF  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Alexandria, Virginia  
9 January 2017

ATTENDEES: Harold Robinson (Chair), Sarah Lammert (Chair-elect), Bobby Smith (Secretary), Derek Jones (Treasurer), Wally Jensen (ECVAC Chair), Doug Lee, Larry Greenslit, Kristina Moeller, Larry Greenslit, Keith Travis, Paul Anderson, and Richard Pace

Staff: Jack Lea, Ken Bush, and Clara Everhart

CALL TO ORDER – Harrold Robinson

OPENING PRAYER – Larry Greenslit

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair (NCMAF) –

- Army Chief of Chaplains asks NCMAF to review endorser training and to answer the question, “What do we know that we don’t know?” “How do we help each other?”

Chair-elect –

- Endorser training should be a priority  
- Discussion about Diversity Professionals Award and presentation

Secretary –

- October meeting minutes approved as ordered.

Treasurer –

- 2016 expenses discussed, 7% accuracy on budget  
- 2017 budget will be carried over from 2016  
- Budget added professional expenses and professional education  
- Recommendation to move to fiscal year format  
- Revenue discussed  
- Staff salaries increased 1.8% for 2017  
- All recommendations approved.

ECVAC –

- Randy Edwards nominated as Chair for 2017.

## STAFF REPORTS:

### Executive Director (ED) –

- VA participation in ECVAC
- Visit to Capitol Hill during recess
- Virginia state compliance is on track
- NCMAF intern from Wesley Theological Seminary
- Women in Ministry Conference discussed, hotel contract being worked by Doug, Larry, and Jack

### Training and Research (TR) –

- 2017 Theme: Emerging Trends in America's Religious Landscape
- ATS and theological education issues
- 2018 theme? Religious liberty issues
- White paper draft upcoming

### Nominating Committee – The following recommendations were made for 2017:

Chair: Sarah Lammert

Chair-Elect: Derek Jones

Treasurer: Paul Anderson

At-large: Craig Mueller, Bob Cannon, Ivv Elsen, Scott Henry

### Personnel Committee – HR practices reviewed. Job descriptions presented.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Women in Ministry–

- options discussed, but want clear focus on military chaplaincy

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion about APC and MCA proposal for board certification for military chaplains
- USAF and USN Chiefs of Chaplains have been approached, Army soon
- BCC sub-specialty
- Should be indicator of positive initiative
  
- Ethics statement: Kristi
- One endorser raised concern about including sexual orientation
- Tabled until next ExCom meeting: approved

## **NCMAF Meeting Notes**

### **10 January**

CALL TO ORDER – Harrold Robinson

- Discussed history of conflict and reconciliation in NCMAF
- Clarified statement “We are open to understanding and respect of divergent beliefs”
- Introduced ExCom

Remarks – Jack Lea

- Recognized Harrold for service, presented clock gift
- Introduced Christine Ready presenting Diversity Academy Award

Theme Discussion – Emerging Trends: Serving the Cutting Edge

Dr. G. Espinoza

- Military needs more chaplains and need to meet diversity realities
- Racial/ethnic evangelical growth, 18 to 29-year-old members are non-denominational
- Need visible leadership to attract people to churches, leaders ought to reflect what the congregation looks like
- “None” trend, grown rapidly by 6.7%
- Married couples more likely to go to church
- Decline in denominational membership
- No decline in religious faith
- Many theories about decline and influence of religion in US

Guiding the Future by Remembering the Past

- Presentation by Dick Stenbakken

Emerging Trends for Education

- Stephen Graham, ATS

## **NCMAF Business Meeting Minutes**

10 January, 1500

CALL TO ORDER and Remarks – Harrold Robinson

- ExCom officers introduced
- Reaffirmed recent awards

DIRECTOR REPORT:

Reviewed

- Federal Bureau of Prison Chaplain meetings
- US Coast Guard meetings
- VA Chaplain Director meetings
- Courtesy calls with DoD

- Congressional visits
- Health of budget and giving
- Virginia compliance now secured
- Intern to help increase revenue

#### ADMIN REPORT:

- WiFi and schedules of conference
- Fair Share forms for 2017 needed
- Comment cards requested

#### CHAIR REPORT:

Departure certificates: Jay Magnus, Doug Lee, Ron Klimp, John Schumacher, Wally Jensen, Harrold Robinson

#### SECRETARY REPORT:

- Minutes are online
- Motion to waive reading of minutes as approved, seconded, approved

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- Slides by Derek Jones, names presented
- Ted Boback nominated for at-large member, approved
- All positions approved

#### TREASURER:

- Derek Jones presented slides
- 100% participation in Fair Share
- Fair Share form reviewed, note new address
- Revenue/Expense reports for 2016
- Call for designated offerings
- Budget for 2017
- All approved

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Arlington National Cemetery Monument
- 2017 excavation
- Add names?

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- AFCB and Chiefs visit
- Women in Ministry Conference, 2018 date, introduced sub-committee

Transfer Chair to Sarah Lammert

- Sarah remarks
- Harrold remarks and blessing

Dismissal by Jack Lea

## 11 January

Devotion: Bobby Smith

Emerging Trends for Caregivers

- Laurel Rodewald
- Elizabeth Dole Foundation, caring for caregivers of wounded warriors
- Raise public awareness and recognize caregivers
- Empower hidden heroes
- Faith community tool kit

Trends in VA

- VA is important to veterans
- Veteran opportunities and services
- VA research, health delivery, cures
- VA needs endorsers' help

AFCB Visit – CH, CAPT Jerry Hinson, USN

- 20 endorsers made overseas visits
- 65 steps to DODI approval inside Pentagon
- Religion codes being updated so all DoD is the same
- Religious Accommodation Policy
  - Pre-accession process concerning religious practices
  - Freedom Restoration Act
  - Timeline for adjudication of religious accom.
  - Peyote use follows 1977 law
- 2017 emphasis of AFCB: chaplain accession policy update and revision
  - 2 year process
  - Minimum standards of education, experience, etc
  - Nature of endorsement
  - Each service can add requirements to the DoD process
- 2017 list of endorsees due by end of January

Coast Guard Chaplain Issues – Gregory Todd and Judy Milano

- Navy Chaplains provide coverage
- CG Auxiliary Support chaplains are civilian clergy vetted to help
- 40 active duty, 9 reserve, 1:1000 ratio
- 30K CG Aux volunteers

Recruiter Updates

Army:

- Wants best-qualified

- Regular Army: 103, Chaplain Candidate: 100, Reserve 98 slots this year
- Priorities: Hindu, Buddhist, Roman Catholic, Islam, others
- How can you help?
- Invite recruiters to conferences
- Prepare strong packets
- Serve as filters
- Waiver process
- Age: 42 & 47 limits
- 3.5 GPA

Navy:

- Requirements
- 46 or younger
- Masters Degree, 72 hours, 2/3 residence
- 2 Years pastoral leadership, full-time
- 2088 needs real numbers
- 90% selection rate
- Need more diversity

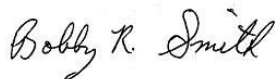
USAF:

- Boards in January and April
- Live interviews with applicant in San Antonio
- Sermon video required, 20 minutes each, professional, time-sensitive
- Personality test required, Professional Dynametric Process
- Objective as possible process
- Sense of Call
- Leadership experience
- Pastoral experience
- Family connections

Numbers: 30 active, 70 reserve, 170 chaplain candidate

NEXT EXCOM MEETING – The next EXCOM meeting will start at 8am on 13 March January, in Woodstock, MD.

ADJOURNMENT –



Bobby R. Smith  
EXCOM Secretary

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ATTACHMENTS: