

2011, July 29 -- NLSAM Business Meeting #2

The second NLS business meeting opened on Friday, July 29 at 11:15 A.M. with the Holy Spirit Prayer, then Pr. Doug led in a prayer.

Tracy immediately went to the business of electing officers. She asked if there were nominations from the floor for president. There were none. *Diane moved that Ed Broestl be elected to the position of president by unanimous acclamation. Larry Schone 2nd. Motion passed.*

Tracy asked if there were nominations from the floor for secretary. There were none. *Diane moved that Magdala Ray be elected to the position of secretary by unanimous acclamation. Judi Lado 2nd. Motion passed.*

Pr. Doug thanked Tracy and Katie for their years of service on the Board.

Tracy asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Vice President of Outreach. There were none. *Chris Rasmussen moved that nominations be closed and Steve Gielda be elected by unanimous acclamation. Alice Allison 2nd. Motion passed.*

Tracy brought up the Executive Director position and temporarily stepped down for the VP of Administration to chair this discussion and vote, since she stated it was her desire to be one of the people considered for the position. Carolyn set forth the Board's preferred starting point for this topic -- to vote yes to create the position or no to stop the process. She stated that the first decision is to go down the path that was set before us a decade or so ago or to stop.

Carolyn Karl moved that we continue to work toward making a position for Executive Director. Mark Carson 2nd. Doug Burrows moved to amend the motion to create a position of Executive Director on a volunteer basis with expenses paid, for 24 months. After discussion, the motion to create the position was voted on and passed.

Doug LaFauci moved to amend the motion that the position will not be filled for 6 months. Carolyn accepted. Mark Carson 2nd. There was much discussion about possible conflict of interest and bias. Diane explained that there would be a 3rd recommendation once this motion has been put to a vote. It is not an automatic appointment. The Board would present a procedure for filling the position. They can amend that if they are not happy with the layout. We would be filling the position as volunteer with expenses paid, for 24 months. It would be reviewed at 90 days, 180 days, and a year. Mike Fisher called the question to close the discussion on the 2nd amendment on the floor. The motion to close discussion passed. The vote on the amendment to delay for 6 months failed.

We went back to the motion as amended by Doug Burrows. Discussion followed. It kept being said that we create the position of Executive Director as a volunteer with expenses paid for 24 months. Tracy asked the body to follow through on what the board tried to come up with. Tracy asked the body to allow the board to present its recommendation. There was more discussion. *Mike Fisher called the question to close discussion. The motion to close discussion passed. Ed Broestl called for the decision. There was a hand vote. Motion passed by 2/3 majority.*

Then came the vote on the original amended motion. It was clarified that the 24 months would begin at the time of appointment. *The motion is to create a position of Executive Director on a volunteer basis with expenses paid, for 24 months. Motion passed with cheers from the delegates.*

The selection procedure that the board recommended was outlined.

- A. Candidates will submit a "consideration for appointment" form to Carolyn Hawkins by Saturday morning before worship.

- B. A committee consisting of 3 current (2011-2012) board members and 3 past NLS officers will be formed.
- C. The committee will review the applications, interview candidates and vote on who will fill the position.
- D. If possible, the decision could be made this meeting.

There was discussion regarding the procedures laid out. Several spoke in favor of it.

Mike Fisher called for the question to vote on the recommendation of the procedure as provided by the Board. Motion passed by majority.

With the Executive Director discussion and votes completed, Carolyn turned chairing of the meeting back to Tracy. Then Steve Barnett presented the proposed changes to the dues fee structure.

*Steve Barnett showed the current fee structure and recommended the fee structure as proposed by the Board. It looked like this: Year of Affiliation \$0, After 1 full year \$50, After 2 full years \$150, After 3 full years \$300 or \$3.00 per Candidate/Participant, whichever is higher, and dues would be half the regular rate for secretariats submitting Survey results and holding 1 or less Weekend per year. There were questions and discussion on the purpose and necessity for the change. Steve B. clarified that a) the \$3/candidate fee is based on new candidates attending during the calendar year, and b) the increase in funds will eliminate the deficit and assist new secretariats. Watson Ray called for the question. *The vote on the fee schedule passed unanimously.**

Tracy asked people to add to the names of Bev Applebee and Bill Sistar on the 5th Day poster that was by the podium to remember special people in our lives and in our movement. She read a tribute to Pr. Bill Sistar who passed on in April written by Pr. Betts Huntley. Bill was the husband of our secretary.

Tracy reminded people that “consideration for appointment” forms were available for Database Coordinator, Website Coordinator, and any who are interested in the volunteer Executive Director position.

Steve G. gave information on the Region meetings. It is a time to talk about best practices, the wellness checklist, things that work, and things you try to get to work. A series of questions may help the discussion. Check page C3 to identify your region and its meeting location. He asked that any who wish to talk with him about the regional outreach positions eat lunch with him.

Carolyn announced that Symbols Inc. had arrived and where they were set up. Katie’s Corner will be by Symbols Inc. Carolyn explained that Katie has been working on a History Power Point presentation on her computer looking at all the past NLS meeting locations. Steve G. added that Katie needs more pictures from people who have been to past NLS meetings and may have some pictures of the location, theme, or other memorable photos that could be added for a presentation next year in Denver. Carolyn gave room numbers for the seminars and named them. The Way (History) is led by Pr. Ed Simonsen. The Truth (Cursillo’s Charism - Essentials) is led by John McKinney. The Life (Music) is led by Janet Cunningham. The Law (Tax Law) is led by Diane Purcell. Carolyn also relayed that Dialogue/Committee lists are on page C8 in the notebook.

The Business meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Sistar

NLS Secretary