

## **2011, October 9 NLS Executive Board (EB) Teleconference Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Sunday, October 9. Ed Broestl, Carolyn Hawkins, Steve Barnett, Steve Gielda, Magdala Ray, Judy Laabs-Foss, and Diane Purcell were able to connect to the teleconference.

Ed invited all to join him in the prayer to the Holy Spirit and requested continued prayers for the mid-year meeting in Denver, CO.

President: Ed asked for all members to voice the topics they would like to discuss at the mid-year meeting in Denver. Judy requested that the EB discuss quarterly items for Conexiones and training of the Host Committee communications team. Steve B. requested the topics of fundraising activities and annual meeting finances. Both Carolyn and Diane requested that the EB verify the issue of what constitutes a quorum at the annual meeting, including the procedures for determining who the delegates will be and how they have been selected to represent their local secretariats. Diane reminded the board that any changes made regarding quorum must comply with Minnesota law. Diane will also be sending papers requiring EB signatures and placement into the corporate book. Carolyn's topics for discussion included the annual meeting's key note speaker, seminars and forums – creating a solid preliminary schedule. Diane asked Carolyn to ensure that the registration form is correct and approved. Magdala requested clarification of the procedure for verifying delegate eligibility and identification.

Ed then asked for reports for the month.

Secretary: Secretariats absent from the annual meeting have been contacted; their materials and palanca posters are being mailed to them.

Newsletter Editor: The newsletters returned due to address problems have been sent to Carolyn. The due date of the next Conexiones newsletter is November 15.

Treasurer: Financial reports will be brought to Denver for mid-year meeting review.

Financial Advisor: USPS postage report will be forwarded to Steve B.

VP – Outreach: Steve G. expressed his gratitude for all the support offered and provided to the Texas Via de Cristo community which lost many of its supplies in the severe fires ravaging the state. As a result of the generosity of the greater Via de Cristo community across the country, the Texas community can move ahead with its plans for an October women's weekend. There is interest in secretariat formation in four areas: Virginia Beach, New Jersey (Newark area), Manitoba, Canada, and Central Illinois. He will also be attending the Notes of Grace annual Ultreya in January. The effort to establish a regional coordinator program has met with some obstacles but will be moving forward.

VP – Administration: Carolyn has been finalizing the review of the 2011 NLSAM held in North Carolina and preparing for the Denver NLS EB mid-year meeting with the Host Committees. Evaluations from the 2011 NLSAM indicate that many attendees would like to have more time for reflection and meditation; the EB will keep this in consideration as they develop the 2012 meeting schedule.

Steve G. led the group in prayer for the special prayer requests, all members of VdC communities, the movement, all congregations represented in this movement, all the fall weekends being held around the country, and especially for all the pastors serving Christ in the world. The entire group prayed the Lord's Prayer in unison.

The next meeting will be the mid-year meeting October 21-23 in Denver, CO. The next teleconference meeting will be on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm EDT.

The October 9<sup>th</sup> teleconference meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Magdala Ray, Secretary