

2011, December 11 NLS Executive Board (EB) Teleconference Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Sunday, December 11. Ed Broestl, Carolyn Hawkins, Steve Barnett, Steve Gielda, Pr. Doug Givan, Rick Hanzlik, Magdala Ray, Nancy Peterson, 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 then asked Rick to lead the discussion concerning the NLS web site.

Website Administrator: The annual meeting button on the home page now takes visitors to the 2012 NLSAM information; please send Rick registration information, logo, and other pertinent material as soon as ready. Rick is editing all the icons so that there can be just one menu for all the pages. He is also working on dedicated emails for each member of the board which can be accessed and responded to in a simple, clean method; additional research will be done. Along with those modifications, Rick suggested that we consider managing the website with a Joolla-based package, which may take about six months to implement. Initially, it would be hosted on Rick's website and then moved to viadecristo.org.

Diane asked if the 2012 NLSAM information could be made more prominent. Also, on the contact page, she suggested that Nancy's information be placed first, then the elected board members, and then the appointed board members. It was suggested that each board member's information on the contact page should include his or her city and state. The board discussed having city, state, phone and email address for each board member on both the letterhead and in the Conexiones. Nancy requested that the distribution center link be made more visible, also. Carolyn will be adding an evaluation item regarding the website.

VP-Outreach: Steve G would like to send out the link to the leadership survey this week; Magdala will add the NLS logo and send him the link. Nancy and Steve B will send him their LD email lists. He has also scheduled a kickoff meeting with the Regional Coordinators on Tuesday, December 20th, with the hopes that the leadership training will be in motion by June. Steve verified with Carolyn that Pr. Neil Arnold has agreed to speak at the 2012 NLSAM on strengthening the 4th Day. Nancy, Ed and Steve G will be attending the Fourth Day Conference in Orlando at the end of January.

Rick and Steve G had to leave the teleconference at this point.

VP-Administration: Carolyn will be coordinating and communicating further with the 2012 HC and will then distribute the new information to Rick for the website. Historically, the timeline for NLSAM communication to the membership is as follows: Preceding December – brief “splash” article in newsletter; January – invitation letter and registration; increased communication in February; March – early bird payments encouraged. As mentioned earlier in this meeting, that status of the speakers is as follows: Pr. Joe Nilsen, Greg Engroff and Pr. Neil Arnold confirmed; Ed to invite Pr. Paul Schmidlin and talk to Steve G regarding Pr. John

Bradford; Magdala confirmed for 4MAT wheel seminar. Although Diane had not yet been contacted about presenting a seminar on law and finance, she graciously agreed to do so in this teleconference. Carolyn will send out an email summarizing the speaker plan and verifying all confirmations.

Executive Director: Nancy will be contacting all the LDs of the secretariats who were not able to attend the 2011 NLSAM; she has already had some great conversations with some of them. Nancy's official NLS phone number has been established: 651-249-7897. This will be published in the Conexiones, on the letterhead, and on the website.

President: Ed has emailed past NLS presidents for input on the constitution and bylaws review; the EB was copied on the email. He will be working on any needed revisions between now and the end of January. References to Lutheran synods in the 4th Day Manual will be made as "evangelical Lutheran churches" rather than specific synodical designations. Ed reported that the members of Colorado VdC and Vdc of the Rockies are working diligently in preparation for hosting the 2012 NLSAM.

Pr. Doug led the group in prayer for the special prayer requests, for all members of VdC communities, the movement, and all congregations represented in this movement, and especially that Christians all over the world would be able to focus on Jesus during this busy and often distracting season.

The next teleconference meeting will be on Sunday, January 8th, at 7:00pm EDT.

The December 11th teleconference meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Magdala Ray, Secretary