

MINUTES

APCE CORPORATION MEETING

January 16, 2023

The annual Corporation meeting of the Association of Partners in Christian Education was called to order at 12:30 p.m. CST at the Birmingham Jackson Convention Center, Birmingham, Alabama on Thursday, January February 26, 2023. President Renda Brinson opened the meeting with prayer and then shared her reflections on the year with APCE. Renda highlighted the partner denominations of the association, other groups with whom we have Memoranda of Understanding, various contracted partners including two new ones and members of the PCUSA Collective. Renda also spoke to the membership of APCE, highlighting our efforts to match first-timers to the Annual Event with Mentors. As of the annual meeting, the membership of APCE is 578 members and an additional 35 organizations with organizational membership.

Renda spoke to the completion of our contract with an organizational administrator. Gina Struensee who has held down this position was thanked for her work with a parting gift, which was met with applause from the members.

Renda recognized the importance of the volunteer efforts of the Leadership Council of APCE on Ten leadership teams and two task forces. The Strategic Planning Task force is at work discerning the future of APCE and best ways to address the next 50 years. This group is expected to complete their report in advance of the 2024 Annual Event. The Diversity Task Force has submitted its final report which has been circulated and is also available on the website and through the APCE App. Renda committed the leadership of APCE to this important work.

Renda also noted the continuation of the Opening Doors to Discipleship project which has been significantly updated with new material. Some more work is to be done but for the most part the plan for this project has been achieved and is available for all Christian Educators.

Secretary Gord Brown presented the minutes of the 2022 Corporation Meeting and invited questions. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes without change.

Treasurer Mary Taneti presented the financial report with appropriate visuals, noting that there was a loss to the Members' Equity of \$179,057 at the end of the 2021-22 fiscal year. This represented both a loss to the Endowment and reserves due to market conditions and an operating loss due to contracted expenses and the fall out of the Covid Pandemic on operating revenue and expenses. The Administrative MT has been working to address this issue. A question on past surpluses was made from the floor and more information to address this was promised as information becomes available. The report was received by voice vote.

Proposed Bylaws and Operational Guidelines Changes: Renda called on Susan Sharp Campbell to present proposed changes to APCE documents. Susan presented verbally and with visuals the recommended changes on behalf of the Administrative Ministry Team. There was a question from the floor regarding the effect of these changes on membership going forward. Following the answer to this, changes to the Bylaws and Operational Guidelines changes were approved by voice vote.

Recognition of Outgoing Members of Leadership Council: Those completing their terms on Leadership Council were named and asked to stand so that they could be thanked. President-Elect-Elect Tori Smit was then called forward to present thank you gifts to outgoing Past President Susan Sharp Campbell and Treasurer Mary Taneti. They received gifts in recognition of their service to APCE.

Installation of New Leadership Council Members: Those individuals just beginning their service on ministry teams were asked to stand as they were installed. Special recognition was made of our new historian Sharon Vanpelt. Renda also recognized our previous historian Martha Bettis Gee for her many years of service with thanks. The installation was completed with vows.

Renda called forward President Elect Kathryn Campbell, incoming President Elect Tori Smit and Co-Treasurer's Deb De Meester and Jim Monnett for their installation to these office. Renda Brinson presented Kathryn with the symbols of office. Kathryn then shared her hopes and wishes for APCE, noting the importance of APCE including her Cohort group in assisting with her ministry.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Kathryn.

Gord Brown, Secretary