



The Connection

The United Methodist Association of Church Business Administrators

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Executive Board 06-07

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NACBA National Conference

Mark King

United Methodist Church Business Administrators gathered in Chicago, Illinois July 25-30 for the 50th National Association of Church Business Administration Conference. It was a refreshing, renewing, learning experience where old ties were rekindled and new ones formed. The theme for the NACBA National Conference was "Soaring to New Heights" and culminated with a wonderful evening at the Navy Pier complete with a parade of sailing vessels and fireworks. The highlight for me however was the time spent with the UMACBA group.

Our first meeting was a lunch gathering on Wednesday which was the first business session of the conference. Several items were presented, including our new slate of officer nominees. With sadness we heard that Charles Bagley would not be able to serve as Vice-President due to health concerns and Dianne Wilkinson was nominated in his place. The others nominees, with the exception of yours truly, had already been presented in the previous newsletter.* We met Rev. Alan Morrison, our new GCF&A representative. We heard the Dr. Jim Terry's Treasurer's report and approved the 2007 budget (see page 3 for that information). We also heard from Beth Luton-Cook of NICFA with 24 and 22 students in this year's seminars. Marge Frederickson presented a report of 139 members at conference time this year compared to last year's 141. We celebrate that we have 25 new members!

Wednesday saw us enjoying a delightful dinner cruise on the Chicago River on the tour boat, *The Little Lady* viewing Chicago's historical architecture guided by a very pleasant and engaging docent from the Chicago Architectural Foundation. We also cruised Lake Michigan and enjoyed the Wednesday evening fireworks display.

As is tradition, the UMACBA hosted three workshops this conference: "Preventing and Protecting: Sexual Misconduct" led by Dawn Lemke; "From Staff Assessment to Staff Development" led by Kathy Oughten; and "Disaster Preparedness" led by La Forice Nealy.

Thursday evening found us at our annual banquet in the Hyatt Regency with a fabulous feast. We had our second and final business session where the slate of officers was elected and retiring officers were recognized. Philip Greenwald, Conference Chair gave us some highlights of next year's conference in Dallas-Ft. Worth. We then adjourned for a Service of Word and Table and a Commissioning of the 2006-2007 Officers.

One of the important proposals from NACBA this conference concerns the moving to "Retention" of certification and the adjustments of the seminars from two 2-week events to four 1-week events. We will have more information on these in our next issue.

*Meet new board members, Dianne Wilkinson and Mark King on page 2.

New Board Members:

Dianne Wilkinson is the new Vice-President. She has served on staff at Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, LA, for 24 years with the last 10 years as CBA. Previous staff areas included Leisure Ministry director, Christian Educator and director of Program. This has given her a broad overview of the mission and ministry of the church.

Dianne received her certification in Church Business Administration from Candler School of Theology, Emory University in 1999 and was recognized as certified by the UMCBA and NACBA in 2000.

Dianne is the mother of three grown sons and has one beautiful granddaughter!

Rev. Mark King is the new Director of Communications for UMACBA. A church administrator for eleven years, he is currently Minister of Finance and Administration at University City UMC in Charlotte, North Carolina. In addition to possessing seminary degrees and being an ordained Elder in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, he also earned an MBA and a Master of Accountancy.

Mark is married and has three children. He enjoys music of all kinds, ethnic cooking and dining and writing creative fiction.

Dear Friends:

In Matthew 21:33-34, Jesus began a parable about belief and responsibility saying

“... There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; ...” Clearly, we are like the tenants in the story. With help from staff and laity, we manage our parish. We work hard to support God’s mission by guiding the careful use of our financial resources, and by maintaining church facilities. The daily work of equipping others with the tools and facilities for ministry is a labor of love.

The UMACBA Executive Committee also works hard to ensure church business administrators (CBAs) have a place where they can go to be equipped and renewed with new learning and spiritual food. Central to our mission is to support you in your work ... to help ensure that when the “householder” returns to get his fruit we can all celebrate in the gift of the harvest.

letter from the
President
Phillip M. Estes

Between now and next July, the Executive Committee hopes to deliver another great conference. We will also work to grow the number of well-trained CBAs and to promote the CBA profession by:

- Securing GCFA funding needed to support the annual UMACBA conference
- Approving newly Certified CBA Applications
- Increasing Annual Conference recognition of certified CBAs
- Communicating the role/value of the CBA to UMC growth/mission
- Urging your increased involvement in annual conference legislation

Thank you for your important work as a Church Business Administrator. May God bless you with all that you need to support his mission at your church.

How Are We Doing? What Do You Need?

- 1) What do you expect from UMACBA membership?
- 2) Does UMACBA meet these expectations?
- 3) What Action Steps would you suggest be taken to meet these expectations?
- 4) Would you be willing to serve on the Executive Committee?

Send comments to Phil.Estes@manchesterumc.org

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Financial Report as of July 31, 2006

Balance Sheet



ASSETS

Cash on deposit with GCFA	67,677.52
Total Assets	67,677.52

LIABILITIES

Fund Balance 01/01/06	48,671.47
Accumulated Fund Balance	19,006.05
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	67,677.52

Budgeted Financial Statement

GENERAL FUND	Annual Budget	For the Period of July	Year-To- Date thru July	Variance to Annual Budget
INCOME				
Membership Dues	6,700.00	50.00	6,990.00	(290.00)
GCFA Grant	11,000.00		11,000.00	0.00
Interest	800.00		0.00	800.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total GF Income	18,500.00	50.00	17,990.00	510.00
EXPENSES				
Communications/Website	2,000.00		335.00	1,665.00
Membership Development	1,450.00		0.00	1,450.00
Postage	200.00		31.20	168.80
Newsletter	900.00		829.08	70.92
Nominating Committee	50.00		0.00	50.00
Executive Committee Meetings	13,600.00		62.17	13,537.83
Miscellaneous	300.00		0.00	300.00
Total GF Expenses	18,500.00	0.00	1,257.45	17,242.55
Net Income/(Expense) General Fund	0.00	50.00	16,732.55	
CONFERENCE FUND				
INCOME				
Registration Fees	3,225.00		5,603.37	(2,378.37)
Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Conference Income	3,225.00	0.00	5,603.37	(2,378.37)
EXPENSES				
Printing	300.00		0.00	300.00
Speakers' Honoraria/Travel	2,300.00		0.00	2,300.00
Meals	500.00		207.87	292.13
Hospitality	125.00	1,136.00	3,122.00	(2,997.00)
Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Conference Expenses	3,225.00	1,136.00	3,329.87	(104.87)
Net Income/(Expense) Conference Fund	0.00	(1,136.00)	2,273.50	
Total Net Income/(Expense)	0.00	(1,086.00)	19,006.05	



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