

North American Association for the Diaconate (NAAD)

Biennial Meeting of the Corporation June 22, 2007

Seattle University

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Linda at 7:19 p.m.

Approval of 2005 Biennial Meeting Minutes:

Joyce Hardy moved and Rod Dugliss seconded the approval of the Minutes of the 2005 Biennial Meeting in Atlanta as presented. Unanimously approved.

Board of Directors Election Results:

Susanne Watson Epting, Executive Director, announced the results of the 2007 Board of Directors elections: Michael Garrison, Bishop of Western New York (4 years); Margaret Ann (Peg) Thomas, Presbyter (4 years); Robert Schwartz, Lay (4 years); Tina Campbell, Deacon (4 years); Keith McCoy, Deacon (4 years); John Struthers (AADC) and Joyce Hardy (Vice-President/President Elect).

Welcoming of New Board Members & Liturgy for the Commissioning of the

Board:

The newly elected board members were introduced and welcomed. All members were commissioned by the membership in a special liturgy.

President Brondsted then transferred the gavel and podium to the new President-elect, Barbara Bishop.

In her first official action, President Bishop recognized retiring Board members:

Jeffernell Howcott, Deacon; David Nard, past president; Jacquie Boutheon, Deacon; Jim Upton, Deacon; Jim Kelsey, Bishop.

Gen Grewell and Terri Lolcama were given tokens of appreciation for their leadership in organizing and coordinating the work of the deacon community of the Diocese of Olympia to bring about a highly successful biennial conference.

NAAD staff members Ted Hallenbeck, Dutton Morehouse, Jo Weber, Cindy Fribourgh, and Susanne Watson Epting were recognized and thanks for their ongoing, significant contributions to the organization.

Proposed Suspension of Article 6 of the Constitution and Changes to

Articles 7 and 8:

Susy Norris was called upon to explain the reasoning and complexities, which led the Board to propose changing our national meeting cycle from a biennial to a triennial format and changing the designation of the meeting from “conference” to “assembly.” She explained the change from Biennial to triennial will require a vote by the membership to suspend Article 6 of our Constitution which addresses meeting frequency. Furthermore, the suspension of Article 6 will necessitate a vote by the membership to make changes in Articles 7 and 8 of the Bylaws to avoid use of the term “biennial” and to continue the current election cycle for Board positions. Susy moved and Rod Dugliss seconded that Article 6 of the constitution be suspended for one time and that our next national meeting occur in 2010. Brief discussion for clarification ensured and the motion was passed unanimously. The question of making a three year cycle permanent will be an agenda item in 2010.

Susy next moved that the requisite changes to Article 7 and 8 to remove the term “biennial” and continue current election cycles be adopted. Seconded by Jan Cazden. Unanimously approved. *The wording of the Constitutional changes was presented by Power Point and were unavailable in hard copy for inclusion in the minutes. The secretary will request that a copy of the changes be included a future issue of Diakoneo.*

Reports – Gleanings from oral elaborations on reports already available to the membership via *Diakoneo*:

NAAD publications will soon be available through Episcopal Books and Resources and via our own website. Publications and communications moving increasingly and rapidly to electronic. Most current data indicates 2,621 deacons in USA and 350 in formation. A motion moved and seconded that all reports printed in *Diakoneo* Vol. 29, #2, pp. 2-7, be approved as printed. Unanimously approved.

Announcements: The gathering was invited to remain for a video presentation regarding the Diaconate made by the students from the School for Deacons in California.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Robert G. Schwartz