



Minutes
CPFI Annual Business Meeting, Friday June 16, 2017
Glen Eyrie Conference Center
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The annual business meeting of Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International was called to order by President Fred Eckel at 4:19 PM in the Castle Great Hall. President Eckel offered the opening invocation.

M/S/C (C.Wilson/Hames) to suspend the reading of the minutes from the June 2016 annual business meeting.

President Eckel recognized new members attending this meeting, Barbara Hoagland and Lucy Malmberg. He welcomed all members in attendance.

There was no new business to conduct.

Special reports and/or addresses:

President Eckel offered a brief report and review of board activities during the past year.

Executive Director Ron Herman reported that the CPFI website has a vast amount of information on it and encouraged its use. Ron provided statistics on website use including number of visits, areas visited. He also reported that the CPFI Ethical Statements, as revised, are also available for viewing there.

Keith Allhands, chair of the missions committee encouraged all members to consider doing a short-term mission trip. Scholarships for these trips are available.

Treasurer Greg Carlson reported that CPFI remains in the black by \$7000, due in part to the donations made to the 1% Club and Power Hour. He noted that member dues constitute 43% of the budget.

Board member Joy Greene, speaking for the marketing committee, encouraged more use of social media, including Facebook, to spread the word about CPFI. She suggested that members post pictures and comments about the meetings and their experiences at CPFI gatherings and all the benefits of membership.

Questions followed:

-what are the membership numbers? Gene Lutz, VP and membership chair responded that they vary from year to year, especially depending on how students are counted at the various schools. He encouraged increased membership and more involvement by all members, including the need for more members on the membership committee to help encourage growth with new ideas.

-how many student chapters? Board member Daniel Wilson responded that while it is important to have more student chapters, there are many “star” chapters that do outstanding work, (i.e. quality vs. quantity).

President Fred Eckel added that he notes “amazing energy” both in active professional and student chapter members.

Member Dan Hussar stressed the need for better representation from “Christian” pharmacy schools at the annual conference, especially by deans and advisors, who ought to be the most active as role models.

Regional NSC Director Kelly Niedzwiecki offered her perspective and suggested some actions to get more students to attend the annual conference.

Discussion followed on how to improve the “retention” of post-graduate members, noting the sharp drop-off of young professionals after graduation.

Election of Officers and Directors:

Nominations committee chairperson Susan Lutz recognized and thanked the members of the committee (Fred Eckel, Mary Ferrill, Herb Hames, Ron Herman, Charlotte Wilson, Rusty Curington). She reviewed the process for nominations and elections.

Candidates for office include:

President –Jeff Copeland

Vice President – Daniel Wilson

Board members – Kellie Dahna, Lauren Willis, Gene Lutz (two to be elected)

There were no nominations from the floor for any position.

Announcements followed while awaiting election results:

-Marketing: what ongoing efforts should CPFI pursue to build membership;

-Education: a need to review the format of the conference, CE provision, on line learning.

Everyone is encouraged to complete the conference evaluation form;

-Membership: explore options for a lifetime membership category;

-Annual meeting: members encouraged to offer suggestions for new locations for the conference;

-“Operation Lost Sheep” and “Operation Adoption” programs to bring back former members (students, pharmacists, colleges and schools) and to consider mentoring programs for students;
-continue praying for CPFI and its future.

Election results:

President – Jeff Copeland; Vice President – Daniel Wilson; Board members – Lauren Willis, Gene Lutz.

Benediction:

Outgoing President Fred Eckel offered verses from Ecclesiastes 3, noting there is a time and season for everything, as he completed his many years of active involvement and service to CPFI. He noted that he remains encouraged by the future of CPFI and its members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,
Susan Lutz, Secretary