

ALCM Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Noon – 1:15 pm

The meeting was called to order by ALCM President Anne Krentz Organ at 12:17 pm. The Rev. Ron Koch, conference chaplain, led the group in prayer.

President Organ provided a welcome and commended attendees for their faithful work and service.

Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Barger reported that financially we are doing well. It is difficult to make conclusions at this time, however, given that the expenses from this conference will be occurring this week. If there are specific questions regarding budget or other finances, members were encouraged to ask Kevin directly.

Regional Presidents provided updates on the regional conferences slated to occur in 2016.

Region 1: July 6-8 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Region 2: June 27-29 Franklin, Tennessee

Region 3: July 26-28 Chicago, Illinois

Region 4: June (dates to be determined) Denver, Colorado; July 14-16 Sacramento, California;
August 19-20 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

President-Elect Julie Grindle provided an overview of the 2017 biennial conference to be held in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota July 11-14.

Outgoing Director-at-Large Tom Schmidt provided a working draft of a new statement on who we are as Lutheran church musicians for membership to consider. Feedback is encouraged throughout the conference and the coming weeks and months so that we can thoughtfully move toward adoption of this important statement.

Incoming Director-at-Large Michael Krentz reported that the Development Committee and the Board have already contributed more than \$11,000 to this year's Annual Fund and encouraged others to join in, stressing the importance of continued funding to enable new programs and ideas to be implemented for ALCM.

Molly Boes from Lutheran Summer Music Program shared an overview of the importance and success of the LSM program.

Director-at-Large Scott Hyslop gave a quick overview of the Raabe Prize and introduced the chair of the selection committee, Zeb Highben, who provided details on this year's honorable mentions (Alfred Fedak and Jonathan Kohrs) and winner David Ashley White. As a gift from Selah Publishing, each

attendee at the business meeting received a complimentary copy of the winning anthem, "Spirit, Moving Over Chaos."

Faithful Servant Awards were presented to Wilbur Held (posthumously), Victor Gebauer and Walter Pelz. Drs. Gebauer and Pelz shared some comments with the group in appreciation for their awards.

Meeting was adjourned with the singing of *Jubilate Deo* at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Barger

ALCM Secretary/Treasurer