

InterAct Ministries, Inc. Board Meeting

Lazy Mountain Bible Church, Palmer, Alaska
August 2, 2010

Present: David Perry (Chairman), Andy Baxter (Vice Chairman), , Loren Leman (Secretary), Huron Claus, Chuck Schaap, Gerry Breshears, Doug Prins, Ray Prigodich, Sheldon Penner.

Absent: Tom Hook, Ben Whipple (resigned in late spring).

Others Present: Dale Smith, Roy Martin, Daryl Kroeker, David Joseph, Dan Mayerle, Thomas Slawson (by videoconferencing).

Fellowship and Prayer: We began at 9:30 am with conversation and fellowship, allowing time for staff to secure and distribute meeting packets and for late arrivals to participate in the business meeting. Chairman Perry and others led in prayer.

Devotional: Daryl Kroeker taught from Mark 6, sharing that our focus should continue to be people, ministry presents seemingly impossible challenges, and that ministry should be all about God's glory—not our accomplishments.

Call to Order & Welcome: Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m., welcomed attendees, and made announcements regarding the schedule and housekeeping matters.

Previous Minutes: Minutes for the February 6, 2010 meeting in Portland had previously been submitted by Secretary Loren Leman and distributed. They were also included in the meeting packets. Baxter moved to approve them and Prigodich seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Executive Director's Report: Dale Smith presented his first report to the Board. He is excited by, yet challenged by his new opportunity.

Field Reports: David Joseph reported on ministries in Alaska. Dan Mayerle reported on ministries in Canada. Thomas Slawson gave a report for Russia. All were well received.

Expansion of the North Pacific Crescent: Chairman Perry moved this item up on the agenda without objection to accommodate Field Director Thomas Slawson and his time difference in St. Petersburg. Leman moved to redefine the western boundary of the North Pacific Crescent to include all of Russia (consistent with our current practice). Claus and Penner seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed without objection.

Lunch Break: At 12:41 pm we took a brief break for lunch. Thank you cards for members Tom Hook and Ben Whipple were circulated for signature. At 12:55 pm, Chairman Perry reconvened the meeting.

Election of Officers: Without objection, Chairman Perry moved this item up on the agenda to accommodate some of our participants. The following officers were nominated and accepted by the Board without objection:

Chairman: David Perry
Vice Chairman: Andy Baxter
Treasurer: Chuck Schaap
Secretary: Loren Leman

Nominating and Review Committee Report: Committee chairman Prins presented his report and (draft minutes attached) from the committee's work the previous day. The Board had previously expressed its willingness to consider and nominate women for Board service. However, Dale Smith asked that the Board delay implementation of this for another year as he deals with mission issues under new leadership. Discussion followed. The Board clarified that its position on this has not changed but it would accept Dale's suggestion to help with mission unity. The Board accepted the committee report without objection.

Finance and Audit Committee Report: In the absence of former Treasurer and committee chairman Ben Whipple, Roy Martin presented the report from this committee's work the previous day. Draft minutes were also distributed (attached). Roy and Chairman Perry clarified that approval of the committee's report would have the effect of approving Byers & Hurlbert as auditors and that the clergy housing allowance for 2011 would remain at \$24,000 per year. Discussion followed. The report was accepted without objection.

Executive Director Relations Committee: Chairman Perry presented highlights from discussions with Dale and Carol Smith. Dale has entered into this new ministry in partnership with Carol. With increased travel for his new position and other expenses, their support is at about 60 percent of the recommended level. Funds have increased in the last few months. InterAct Canada is making up \$2,500 per month. Dale recently stepped down as an elder in his church. Daryl Kroeker suggested that the Canada board may add travel expenses to the field budget when Dale or they travel on mission business. We will check to see if the INC board needs to contribute to that fund. It will come up in the February JMAC meeting. For the time being Dale's priority will be travel to meet missionaries and build trust and team. The report was positive.

Loren Leman left at 1:30 pm to attend the memorial service for the C-17 crew at Elmendorf AFB. Gerry Breshears assisted with maintaining a written record of the meeting in his absence.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments: Moved by Claus, seconded by Penner to appoint the following members:

Nominating and Review Committee:

Sheldon Penner (chair), Doug Prins, Huron Claus, Ray Prigodich, Andy Baxter

Finance and Audit Committee:

Chuck Schaap (chair), Gerry Breshears, David Perry; *ex officio* Dale Smith & Roy Martin

The motion was accepted without objection.

Annual Meeting Chair

Chairman Perry appointed Dan Mayerle as the Chairman's designee to chair the annual meeting of InterAct Ministries. Doug Prins is the alternate.

Future Meetings

February 3-5, 2011 in Portland

August 1, 2011 in Alaska

Sites will be announced.

Daryl Kroeker suggested that our summer meetings be JMAC first, followed by the INC and Canada Board meetings as we do for our February meetings. This will facilitate communications and lessen the feeling by some that the Canada Board is a subsidiary board. It might be good to go to Alaska and Canada on alternating years. We recommend that this suggestion appear on the February 2011 JMAC agenda.

Meeting Evaluation: Members had positive comments. It was helpful to have the Field Directors attend the meeting. The Skype videoconference with Thomas Slawson went well, with few technical difficulties. Sheldon Penner's IT capabilities were evident and appreciated during those few times.

Adjournment:

Chairman Perry adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.
Huron Claus closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Loren Leman, Secretary
August 28, 2010