**GLOBAL WESELYAN ALLIANCE**

**Annual Meeting**

**Salvation Army National Headquarters**

**Alexandria, Virginia**

**6-7 December 2013**

The third meeting of the Global Wesleyan Alliance convened on Friday, December 6, 2013, at 1:45 p.m. in Alexandria, Virginia, at the National Headquarters of the Salvation Army.

In the Absence of Chair, Tom Hermiz who was unable to attend, Vice Chair JoAnne Lyon called the meeting to order, reminding the GWA of our reason for organizing. Members present shared their names around the table. They were as follows (13):

Associate of Independent Methodists, Gary Briden, Executive Director

Church of God Anderson: Jim Lyon, Ron Duncan

Church of the Nazarene: Jerry Porter, J.K. Warrick, David Busic

Evangelical Methodist Church: Ed Williamson

Free Methodist Church USA: David Kendall

Methodist Protestant Church: LaDon Dawson

Missionary Church: Steve Jones

Salvation Army: David E. Jeffrey, Commissioner, National Commander

Stephen Banfield (ministry director)

The Evangelical Church of North America: Brian Eckhardt

The Wesleyan Church: JoAnne Lyon

Members absent (6):

Churches of Christ in Christian Union: Tom Hermiz

Church of Christ Holiness USA: Vernon Kennebrew

Church of the Nazarene: Eugénio Duarte, David Graves, Gustavo Crocker

Congregational Methodist Church: Benny Tate

Free Methodist Church USA: David Roller, Matthew Thomas

Pilgrim Holiness Church: James Southerland

**Devotions:**

Commander David Jeffrey read from Psalm 19; Acts 11; Romans 1:16-17, and shared devotionally from the Word.

**Agenda Reviewed, Revised and Approved.**

**The Minutes for the 2012 meeting of the GWA were reviewed, revised and approved.**

**Chair called attention to the GWA’s By-Laws with its statement of purpose, statement of faith and objectives and goals.**

**Election of 2014 Board of Directors**

**The Ballot was presented and confirmed as follows:**

David Graves, President.

Joanne Lyon, Vice President

David Kendall, Secretary

Brian Eckhardt, Treasurer …

Vernon Kennebrew, Churches of Christ Holiness, USA., Member at Large

**Several Reports were given:**

Ohio Leadership Meeting, Ron Duncan: Ohio leaders from GWA churches overseeing approximately 1,000 congregations met and discussed issues and challenges of ministry in Ohio and began to organize and collaborate on ways to address the plagues of human trafficking, which they identified as the most pressing issue to be addressed in Ohio. A good meeting with excellent synergy occurred and concluded with a season of sharing and prayer.

Report on Conversation with Dr. Kevin Mannoia of Wesleyan Holiness Consortium, and its possible relationship with the GWA. Ron Duncan shared about the conversation. GWA would be free to use the regional connections established under the consortium, to conduct its meetings and work. The Board noted that the GWA is organizational in nature and orients around mutual ecclesial missional concerns, as opposed to the Consortium that is organized around articulating and expressing a contemporary holiness message .

GWA affirmed the report and expressed a desire to follow up in collaborative work with the Consortium.

**Credentials Discussion and Proposals, Ron Duncan**

GWA Board charged the executive committee to bring a report and possible recommendations on sharing credentials among GWA partners.

Ron Duncan presented a working document outlining a process for GWA members to transfer or recognize credentials on both temporary and indefinite basis. Board discussed the paper. Agreed to share with respective communions and see where it goes.

Request that feedback from communions be received by March 15, 2014.

**Website and Books**

Stan Toler was working on this for the GWA. [www.HolinessLegacy.com](http://www.HolinessLegacy.com) This is collection of classic holiness works that are accessible.

**Logo for GWA**

Board received and approved the Logo as presented.

**Treasurer’s Report,**

See report.

Dues are expected before end of first quarter of the new year.

Suggestion that we send a letter to each communion after first of the year reporting what was received in the year prior with thanks and then requesting 2014 support**.**

**Proposed Budget for 2014**

2014 Budget Proposal was presented to the Board. It calls for total expenditures of 53,250.00, as follows:

2014 Global Wesleyan Alliance Budget

Executive Director(Part-Time-10 hours per week)  $24,000.00

Travel                                                                    4,800.00

Office Supplies and Phone                                        1,200.00

Prayer Summit Promotional Materials                        1,000.00

Younger Clergy Groups(2 groups of 20)                   10,000.00

Mission Leaders Gathering                                        5,000.00

Judicatory Leaders Gathering-five events                   2,500.00

Urban Mission Collaboration                                      5,000.00

Total for Budget                                                   $53,250.00

We noted that the current level of support from GWA members would support this proposed budget. In connection with the proposed budget, the Board received a recommendation from the Executive Committee: That Dr. Ron Duncan be hired to serve as a part time Executive Director beginning January 1, 2014.

Then, on motion, the proposed budget was approved and the Executive Committee be authorized to act on the hiring of an Executive Director as proposed.

The Board also ordered the Executive Committee to review the By-Laws and make appropriate adjustments, if necessary, in light of this action.

Ron Duncan distributed a page for determining priorities for the year ahead, 2014. The Board was asked to review proposed priorities and come ready to affirm them, or not, and suggest contact persons to assist the GWA in pursuing these priorities.

As the afternoon session concluded, we heard from each of our new leaders on the GWA. Jim Lyon, new President of the Church of God Anderson, shared about his ministry journey, pastoral experience and family.

David Busic, newly elected General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, shared similarly.

The Board enjoyed a wonderful dinner following the afternoon session, during which Steve Jones, President of the Missionary Church, and Gary Briden, Executive Director of Association of Independent Methodists, shared about their lives and ministries.

The Free Methodist Church offered to host the 2014 meeting of the GWA.

The Board recessed for the evening at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, December 7, 2013, the Board reconvened with Ron Duncan presiding.

We began the morning sharing from our varied communions, something we celebrate, a burden or concern, and a resource to share with others.

The Chair directed attention to a process page concerning priorities for the coming year. The page listed priorities identified by the original GWA as worthy of pursuit.

1. Judicatory Leaders Gatherings
2. Global Mission Leaders Collaboration
3. Younger Clergy Groups for input (2 groups of 20), David Busic
4. Urban Mission Collaboration, Jerry Porter, Steve Banfield
5. Credentials

The Chair raised the question: Are these still the priorities for the GWA?

In the discussion that ensued, the Board affirmed the list, though not in the order listed. Then the Board added two others to this list. A concern for Publishing, both the process or business of publishing and also the content of what is or could be published. Then also the Board agreed on the importance of identifying our cause, what we champion. Suggestions were made as to what this may be, such as human trafficking, the transcendent values that bind us together, and the marginalized. On this latter point, it will be important to listen to the younger generations.

Thus, the list at present includes:

1. Judicatory Leaders Gatherings
2. Global Mission Leaders Collaboration
3. Younger Clergy Groups for input (2 groups of 20)
4. Urban Mission Collaboration
5. Credentials.
6. Publishing/Content
7. Identifying our cause or transcendent values

The Board named a Task Force: Jim Lyon, Gustavo Crocker, JoAnne Lyon, Steven Banfield to identify ways to address the social causes that express our core commitments and transcendent values as Wesleyans, and to facilitate collaboration among GWA members.

The Board agrees that the original six named priorities remain important, but the most critical matters have to do with identifying our causes and the Task Force will help us formulate action plans for the future.

With respect to the seven priorities, the Board asked David Busic to work with younger pastors groups, and also with Kevin Mannoia and the Wesleyan-Holiness Consortium; and Steve Banfield and Jerry Porter were asked to work especially with Urban Ministries Collaboration.

The GWA members will report back to the group on the Credentialing collaborative process by March 15, 2014.

The members will also consult with their respective communions on financial support for 2014 and report back to the Executive Committee.

The Task Force will be convened by Jim Lyon by Easter.

Members of GWA indicated they would support as follows:

Church of the Nazarene, 12,001, plus some additional

Evangelical Methodist, 2,000.00

Free Methodist Church, 3,500.00

Churches of Christ in Christian Union, 1,500.00

Church of God, 5,000.00 we did last year, plus 50%

Missionary Church, 3,000.00

Salvation Army, 1,500.00

Methodist Protestant, 1,500.00

Evangelical Church, 1,500.00

Wesleyan Church, Pending (*5,000.00 was last year’s amount)*

The Board instructed President and secretary to send members complete pack of by-laws etc.

Secretary and Executive Director will write a press release to be sent to all members along with the picture.

The secretary will provide a directory of members to be sent to all.

The executive will notify the full board when their quarterly meetings will take place.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Kendall