

**Association of Lutheran Development Executives  
Heartland Chapter  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 26, 2007  
Champions Club, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Present: Craig Stirtz, Maxine Dougherty, Jason Gerdes, Dave Fuerst, Matt Sheffield

Absent: Heather Abbott, Kathleen Al-Marhoon

I. Call to Order

Maxine Dougherty, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. with devotions and an opening prayer.

A. Review Meeting Agenda

**M/S/C to approve the meeting agenda as presented.**

B. Review Minutes of March 22, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting

**M/S/C to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2007 meeting as amended.**

II. Old Business

A. Update on June 28, 2007 Event

Matt Sheffield, Education/Ethics Coordinator, confirmed that a tour of the Holland Center will be offered. Following a discussion about a golf outing, it was determined that Matt will communicate with those who are interested in playing golf, but it will not be publicized as part of the day's events. Matt and Maxine will work with Kathleen to publicize and promote the event that will be held at the Holland Performing Arts Center in Omaha, Nebraska. The group established the following schedule:

11:00 – Chapter Meeting

11:45 – Lunch

12:45 – Presentation by John Glenn on the topic “How the media can help you with fundraising and development”

2:15 – Tour of Holland Center

3:15 – Executive Committee Meeting (time approximate)

B. Update on August 2007 Event

It was confirmed that the event will be held at Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ashland, Nebraska, on August 15. The group established the following schedule:

12:00 – Executive Committee Meeting with Lunch

2:00 – Chapter Meeting

3:00 – Presentation by Dennis Meyer on the topic of “Annual Giving”

4:30 – Social Event

C. Presence at Nebraska Synod Assembly

Craig Stirtz, President, reported that the Chapter's request to be approved as an affiliated organization of the Nebraska Synod and thereby be allowed to have a display at synod assemblies will be considered at the next Synod Council meeting. Because this meeting will be held just prior to the 2007 Assembly, it will

not be possible for the Heartland Chapter to have a display at that event. Craig said it is unlikely that the Chapter will be approved for affiliation and allowed to have a presence at future assemblies.

III. Executive Committee Vacancy

On April 4, 2007 Alison Thomason submitted her resignation from the Executive Committee due to a career change. Alison was elected at the Annual Chapter meeting on February 11 to begin a two-year term on July 1, 2007.

**By unanimous vote, Dave Fuerst was elected to fill the vacant position on the Executive Committee, which is a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2009.**

IV. Officer Election for FY 2007/08

Maxine presented the following slate which the Executive Committee developed:

- President – Dave Fuerst
- Vice President – Maxine Dougherty
- Secretary – Heather Abbott
- Treasurer – Jason Gerdes

**M/S/C to elect the slate of nominees as presented.**

V. Coordinator Appointments for FY 2007/08

Maxine affirmed that Matt Sheffield had been reappointed as the Education/Ethics Coordinator at the March 22, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting and Kathleen Al-Marhoon is willing to continue her service as the Communications Coordinator. Following is a list of coordinator position candidates and the Executive Committee members who will ask them if they will serve.

- Communications Coordinator – Kathleen Al-Marhoon (*Maxine*)
- Membership Coordinator – Jordan Grummert Rasmussen (*Maxine*)
- Mentoring Coordinator – Ruth Probasco (*Craig*)
- Legislative Liaison – Lloyd Probasco (*Craig*)

Other potential candidates included Steve Sirek for Mentoring Coordinator and Neal Koch for Legislative Liaison.

VI. Spirit of Giving Award

To encourage and facilitate nominations from Chapter members, the Committee decided to develop a nomination form and send it with an e-mail reminder three times during the month of May. Maxine will work with Kathleen to develop this communication.

VII. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

VIII. Adjournment

Being no further business, Maxine adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maxine Dougherty, Vice President