



A Note from the President.....

The 2009 National Conference was a huge success this year thanks to the members of the Florida Regional Host Committee. Special thanks to Dr. Brandt Copeland who was with us the entire week! The host committee did an outstanding job selecting the courses, instructors, and entertainment events. Our days were filled from sun up to sun down with interesting classes and events offering education, fellowship and spiritual renewal. There was little time for rest. Please visit our blog for pictures of the event.

One hundred and five members, five of whom were Honorary Life Members and twenty-three first-time attendees, attended the conference. The first-time attendees were recognized with gifts provided by the Membership Council. Sixty-four of our members received their record of certification in Church Administration Level I, II and III and advanced study of 50 hours.

The Executive Committee (consisting of all the Regional Presidents and Committee/Council Chairs and Vice Chairs) met on Thursday morning to discuss the business of the organization and they

- approved changes to the Manual of Operations.
- approved an Ethics Policy which appears on the back of the membership application and a task force was created to prepare a process in the event of a breach.
- discussed the topic of the growing concerns regarding hosting conferences (regional and national). As more and more regions struggle to host/plan the National Conference and participation at regional conferences is declining, the committee felt the need to review conference planning for APA to determine how APA can better plan/host conferences in the future. The Committee approved the creation of a National Conference Planning Committee. The committee approved the creation of a task force to draft the structure of this committee. Task force members include Lori Ferguson, SW Region, Jerri Smith, Heartland Region and Kathie Davenport, NE Region and the report is due on October 1, 2009.
- approved Critical Incident Procedures which will be added to the Conference Planning Guidelines of the Manual. This form will be completed in the event of a medical emergency at one of our conferences.
- approved a recommendation from the Nominating Committee to revise the process for interviewing candidates for elected office (effective 8/1/09) and nominations from the floor (effective 1/1/10). The process has been approved and added to the manual. Anyone planning on submitting their name for elected office should read the nominating process in the manual of operations or contact Freda Dye, chair of the nominating committee.

Membership Council met to discuss fresh ideas to attract new members and raise funds to allow Council to provide gifts to first time attendees at National Conferences. Please continue to pass along the good news and the many benefits you received by becoming a member of APA.

Certification Council met on Wednesday evening and approved eight new classes. Complete class descriptions are available online in the Certification Council Handbook. Other changes include:

- Spiritual Growth and Discipline – Biblical Interpretation I and II may fulfill this requirement for any level; and
- Safety in the Workplace – Personal Safety may be used to fulfill this Level III requirement.

The Certification Council contributed \$1,000 to help defray the cost of offering technology classes during the weeklong Certification event.

The fundraisers held at the conference produced the following revenue:

Certification Council	\$331.00
Joyce Bauer National Scholarship Fund	\$118.00
Life Member Scholarship Fund	\$ 81.00

Please visit our website to review the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting. If you have any questions, please contact your Regional President.