



NAUMS News

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Editor's note:

This has been another difficult year for the Association. You will no doubt understand the seriousness of the issues presented on this page.

As an At-large Director since 1996 and as an officer since 1998, I feel a sense of responsibility for what has happened. While everyone feels a certain level of trust in the leaders of church and ministry activities, I didn't know about these issues and I should have been paying more attention to the details of how the Association was operating.

I also feel a sense of responsibility to do what I can to correct what has happened and to help the Board turn this around. I will answer your questions as best I can.

Bob Chase
President, Editor
Address on back page.

Major Problems

Earlier this year, a sequence of events led Joanne Beard and Sims Lawson to resign as President and Treasurer, respectively, of the Association and as At-large Directors.

Bob Chase has agreed to serve as President and Karen Heim-Baugh has agreed to serve as Treasurer until a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Joanne and Sims turned over all of their historical files to Bob and Karen in early March.

In reviewing the financial records, it was determined that the board needed professional help in understanding where we were. Fortunately, Bob Vogt, a CPA, had been elected as an At-large Director in June and he agreed to take that daunting task. He completed his work in late April

and identified a number of concerns regarding spending and lack of documentation.

The Board also has identified issues related to whether Life Member dues and Bible Project donations have been properly handled.

The directors and officers of the Association are rightly dismayed that there are problems. They are in the process of discussing what can be done to remedy the situation and what must be done to ensure that we do not have these problems in the future.

In addition, we continue to have problems with the membership database and in delivering expected materials in a timely fashion. The board also is addressing this, as it too is unacceptable.

Major Changes

The Board of Directors has been meeting on-line since late March and has instituted a number of changes in how the association is operated. More details will be presented and discussed at the Annual Meeting on June 28th.

Two At-large Directors have been elected to fill the positions vacated by Joanne and Sims. The two are: Hank Voegtler, an attorney from Dallas, Texas, and Chuck Jones, an expert on United Methodist polity and the GCUMM from Orlando, Florida. Four director positions will be filled at the June meeting. Nominations should be sent to: nominations@naums.org with a copy of a re-

sume.

A Chair of Finance has been added, with the Finance Committee tasked with developing guidelines and procedures for spending and travel expenses, developing budgets, and approving expenditures.

A Membership Secretary will soon be added, with the Membership Committee tasked with creating and maintaining the membership database, entering data received from Nashville, and handling orders for merchandise (patches, shirts and Wyatt prints) received from members.

A Bylaws Committee is looking at the bylaws for possibly significant changes to be recommended.

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Your Board Needs Your Help

The Board of Directors is making changes in how we operate the Association and is looking for help from the membership.

Bob Vogt, who gave a tremendous effort in recreating our financial records, has had to resign as a director because of health problems.

The board greatly appreciates all he has done. The board needs someone with accounting skills, preferably a CPA or similar accreditation, to help maintain the financial records and submit our

annual tax forms.

The board needs help with raising funds for the Association and its projects. This would include finding ways to attract donors and writing and submitting grant requests.

If you can help, send a note to the board at:
naumsboard@naums.org

NAUMS Web Site:
<http://www.naums.org>

There's Still Room At Philmont

There is still time to sign up for the United Methodist Scouter's Workshop at the Philmont Training Center during the week of July 6-12, 2003. It's going to be a great week and a wonderful chance to get that training you always wanted. Contact your BSA Council for registration information.

The week's program will cover all aspects of our Ministry but will still allow considerable time to

enjoy the New Mexico environment. This is a great opportunity to take the entire family on a quality vacation. There are programs for all ages.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Chase, Course Director, at the address on the back page. Dr. Karen Heim-Baugh will be the course instructor. We're looking forward to seeing you that week.

NAUMS Shirts For Sale

We still have a few high-quality, limited edition polo shirts available with the NAUMS logo prominently displayed.

The shirts have a distinctive herringbone weave and come in two colors: white with black trim on the

collar and sleeves—available in L and XL, and gray with red trim—available in M.

The cost, including shipping, is \$32. To order, use the form on page 7 and indicate the quantity and choice of color. Quantities are limited, so order now.

Upcoming Meetings And Events

- Board of Directors – 6/27-29/03 – Nashville
- NAUMS Annual Meeting—6/28/03—Nashville
- Philmont Training Program – 7/6-12/03 – NM
- Jurisdictional UMM Events—Summer, 2003
- Board of Directors—?/?/04—TBD
- NAUMS Annual Meeting—?/?/04—TBD

New Chapter Information

New Chapters are being considered in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Virginia.

If you are thinking about forming a chapter or have a chapter that could use a little help, contact

Shirley Lundy at: (316) 684-4914
or by e-mail at:
bsamom@wichitausea.com.

Use the application on this page to join NAUMS or to renew your membership. You may also indicate your willingness to help the Board of Directors by joining one of the NAUMS Committees. Make your check payable to **NAUMS** and mail with this application form to:
NAUMS, P.O. Box 23172, Nashville, TN 37202-3172. Thank you for your support.

NAUMS Membership And Sign-up Form

Sign up for:	Price	Payment Enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> New Regular (Annual) Membership	\$ 25.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew Regular Membership	\$ 25.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> New Life Membership	\$ 250.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter – Annual Fees	\$ 35.00 Plus \$12.50 per member	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution		_____

Designation (if any)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Committee | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Committee | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Committee | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training Committee | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NAUMS Patch | Quantity _____ \$ 5.00 per patch plus \$3.00
for shipping & handling _____ |

Please send _____ NAUMS shirts. Size _____ - Color _____. Amount : _____

Total Payment Enclosed or Authorized _____

Make your check payable to NAUMS
 Sorry—we can no longer accept credit card payments.

My contribution to the Bible Project is noted above. Please send me _____ Jamboree Bibles.

 Name

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of the United Methodist Church by
Utilizing the Programs of the
Boy Scouts of America,
Camp Fire USA, 4-H Clubs and
Girl Scouts of the USA.

Official Notice of Member Meeting

There will be an important meeting of the membership of the Association beginning at 2:00 P.M. CDT on Saturday, June 28, 2003, in the Kern Building, 1001 South 19th Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

During the meeting the Board of Directors will report on the issues discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, four At-large Directors will be elected, changes to the Bylaws will be discussed and other business will be handled. The slate of nominees, changes to the bylaws and the recommended budget will be posted to the web site as early in June as they are available. The current bylaws authorize proxy voting. If you want to give your vote to someone,

please review the information on the web site to insure an informed vote.

You may recall that we announced a change to biennial member meetings last year. We discovered that Tennessee law requires an annual meeting of members. We're sorry for the confusion and the delayed notice.

The Board of Directors will be meeting at the same location on Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28, 2003, (and possibly Sunday the 29th) beginning at 9:00 A.M. CDT. There may be some issues that the board will discuss in private, but the board meetings will otherwise be open to all members.