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President's Report

BSA, GA Meetings Mean Busy Times for NAPS



Dear Friends,

The next few months are going to be busy and exciting ones. I will be representing NAPS at the BSA National Convention and attend the Religious Relationship Meeting in mid May in San Diego CA.

In late June, we will gather at the PC(USA) General Assembly in San Jose CA. We will be manning a booth in the exhibit hall all members are invited to take their turn in the Booth and help us spread the word on how Scouting can help the Church's Outreach and Youth Programs.

During General Assembly NAPS will hold the Bi Annual Meeting of the National Executive Board, and the Board of Directors. Directors and National Officers elect will be invited to their respective meetings. We will also hold our Bi Annual Recognition Luncheon. All Members are both encouraged and are cordially invited to attend our Luncheon.

Our speaker at the luncheon will be John Washburn recently elected as the Southern Region Venturing President. After the Luncheon we will swear in our new officers in a short ceremony (*See Page 2 for more details*)

As you are aware, in accordance with the NAPS bi-lays we are in the process of electing a new slate of candidates for the National Executive Board and the Board of Directors to be installed at the Bi annual meeting at General Assembly. Also on the ballot are some issues pertaining to the Bi-laws.

The first issue pertains to the election process for the Board of Directors to correct an oversight in the last up-date. The other issue has to do with the reporting by the Directors of the fine work they are doing in their areas to encourage Scouting and the 12th point of the Scout Law "A Scout is Reverent."

This is important for all our members and potential members to understand what NAPS is really about. Excerpts and pictures will be published in the news letter.

The third issues of a second vice-president help share the burden of the position of President and Vice President and specifically identify responsibilities between the two Vice-Presidents.

Thsnks to all of you for your hard effort over the past years bring youth to Christ through Scouting.

Yours in Scouting

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Official Meeting Notice Bi-Annual Meeting National Association of Presbyterian Scouters

The **Bi-Annual Meeting** of the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters Board of Directors will be held June 23, 2008 at the Fairmont Hotel, San Jose, CA , from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June 24, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

The **Bi-Annual Recognition Luncheon** will be held at 12:15 p.m. , June 24 , at the library, The Westminster Presbyterian Church , San Jose. Guest Speaker will be Elder John Washburn of the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA , recently elected Southern Region Venturing President who will speak on Vetnuring in the Presbyterian Church.

New officers and directors will be installed during the luncheon.

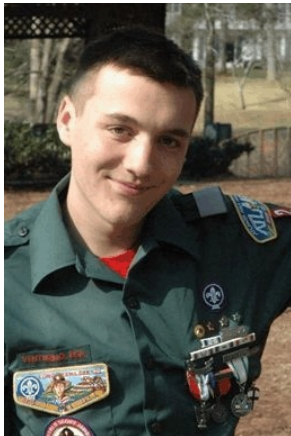
All members and their guests are invited to attend. Cost will be \$ 15 per person. Reservations should be made to Rush Hart at rushart@sbcglobal.net

Help Wanted!

NAPS members attending the General Assembly are needed to help man the BSA/NAPS booth in the exhibit hall during the Assembly. If you will be willing to help out, please contact Wray Johanning, President, at wray-diana@mindspring.com

NAPS Luncheon Speaker Named New Southern Region Venturing Prexy

John Washburn, an Elder in the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, has been named the 2008 Southern Region Venturing President.



Washburn will be the guest speaker at the Bi-Annual Recognition Luncheon of the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters on June 24, 2008.

He will speak on Venturing in the Presbyterian Church, based upon his experiences as Senior Boatswain for the Southern Region at the World Jamboree, and as a 17-year old Presbyterian youth at the

Presbyterian Youth Triennium meeting in 2007 at Purdue University, attended by 5,000 youth.

He also represented Southern Region Sea Scouting at numerous events including Leukemia Cup Sailing Regattas, and the mega Venturing event of Winterfest. He served as the Crew Chief for the Southern Region venturing crew at the World Jambo.

An Eagle Scout and Venture Silver Award winner, he completed a term in 2007 on the Youth Council of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, co-chaired the caring for Creating Committee of the Presbytery, and served on the Presbytery's committee on Outreach.

Want to Serve on NAPS Jambo Team?

The 2010 100th Anniversary of Scouting National Jamboree — the last to be held at Fort A. P. Hill, VA— is fast racing toward us.

NAPS members who would be interested in serving as part of the NAPS booth in the Relationships Division area are asked to advise Corb Sarchet, communications director, at corbms3@bellsouth.net.

You will work hard, perspire, a lot, and pay your own way, but have a wonderful time, meet new friends and have an unforgettable experience.

Larrance Nominated As NAPS President

Joseph Larrance, of Big Rapids, MI, who has been serving as Director for the Covenant Region, has been nominated to succeed Wray Johanning as President of the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters for a two-year term.



Laarance has been long active in Scouting and NAPS, and served as a member of the NAPS

exhibit staff at the 2005 National Jamboree. He is an Eagle Scout with service in Cub and Boy Scouting, and a Silver Beaver award winner.

Johanning, who has served two-years, announced his retirement several months ago. Also not seeking reelection are Rev. Shannon Webster, vice-president, and Rev. Rusty Cowden, chaplain.

George Taylor, an attorney in Birmingham, AL., and who coordinated the 2006 NAPS meeting there at the Independent Presbyterian Church where he served as Scoutmaster, has been nominated as vice-president.

Rev. Webster, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, has been nominated to succeed Cowden as chaplain.

Jack Schrimsher, Rush Hart, and Corb Sarchet, the secretary, treasurer, and publications secretary, respectively, agreed to continue to serve and have been renominated.

In approved by an amendment to the by-laws, a second vice president's position will be created. Taylor would then be vice president for membership, and a vice president for program would be named by the new president.

Rev. Robert Nicholson, of Seattle, WA, has been nominated as director for the Alaska-Northwest region, succeeding P. Scott Cummings, who elected not to serve another term after serving for two.

Other new nominees are David Suter, Rochester Hills, MI, for Covenant region, succeeding Laarance; Warren Kraft, Oshkosh, WI, for Lakes & Prairies, succeeding David L. Moore; Rev. Neal Humphrey, moderator of the Synod of Utah, for Rocky Mountain, succeeding Kathy Pace, who moved out of the region, and Ms Liz Shelby, Dallas, TX, for Region of the Sun, succeeding COL Oren Peters, Edmond, OK.

Agreeing to continue to serve and re-nominated are Dr. Paul J. Deason, Southwest; Rev. Eugene Foley, Northeast; Steve Smith, Mid-Atlantic, and Stephen Taylor, Lincoln Trails.

No nominees were received for Southern California & Hawaii, Living Waters, Mid America, Pacific, South Atlantic, or Trinity, and those serving in those positions did not respond to inquires from the nominating committee. Those positions will remain vacant until filled by appointed by the new president.

Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Scouters

By Bill Irvine

Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Scouters have entered into an historic agreement, a Covenant relationship between two organizations of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The goals of the Covenant are to bring men and youth to a more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.

Opportunities for synergy are many, especially in the areas of Bible study, combating racism, and mentoring and tutoring.

Presbyterian Men mission statement, priorities, and ministry support resources are listed below where you will find more opportunities where the result is greater than the sum of their individual capabilities.

Mission Statement of Presbyterian Men. "To equip and train all men to pursue the will of Jesus Christ through discipleship, mission outreach, and leadership education".

Goals of Presbyterian Men:

- Strengthen Men's understanding of the Church
- Assist congregations in nurturing men to mature discipleship
- Encourage men in the church through their commitment to Christ
- Nurture men in their ministry to which they are called in their families, work, and ministry in their community and in the world
- Involve men of various racial/ethnic backgrounds and ages together in Christian fellowship, mission and worship.

Priorities of Presbyterian Men

- Bible Study
- Disaster Relief
- Combating Racism
- Mentoring/Tutoring

Ministry Support Resources of Presbyterian Men

- Information on Presbyterian Men's activities with the National "Presbyterian Men in Action" online newsletter at www.presbyterianmen.org for both National and regional men's conferences and workshops.
- Strengthening men's leadership of church programs.
- Leading young men into active church membership
- Nurturing men to be better fathers and husbands by providing various literature topics such as the "Men's Anti-Domestic Violence Series: Striking Terror No More", "Men's Issue Series: "Fathertalk", "Mantalk", "Toughtalk", Men's Racism Series: "Breaking Down the Walls" and "Fighting Racism".
- Identifying mission projects of interest to men of all ages.
- Spiritual enrichment programs for men with the Men's Bible Study Series online at www.pcusa.org/men.
- Men's Devotional and Prayer Series: "Fasting, Sharing, Praying Program", "Jacobs Ladder" (by Herb Anderson), and "Gods Man" (by Don Aycock).
- "[Lift High The Cross, Organizing Church Men](http://www.pcusa.org/men)". John Hamil and David Lewis available online at www.pcusa.org/men.
- "Men of the Church Sunday / Fathers Day" worship service resources and information in the summer issue of "Ideas For Church Leaders" magazine. Available online at www.pcusa.org/ideas. Support from the General Assembly Office for Men's Ministries and National Presbyterian Men.
- Korean/American College Student Exchange to strengthen faith and broaden views of Christianity among college students from different cultures.
- International College Student Outreach to share love and fellowship with international students and to introduce the meaning and origin of Thanksgiving.
- Bi-Annual National Presbyterian Men Conferences are held in major cities throughout USA. The purpose is to provide fellowship, bible study, mission, and worship opportunities for men of various racial-ethnic backgrounds and ages throughout the PC(USA). Keeping company with others who call on the Lord with a pure heart (2Tim 2:22).
- Bi-Annual National Presbyterian Men dinners are held at PC (USA) General Assemblies. A dinner is sponsored that includes a fellowship opportunity with a prominent speaker.
- Contributions to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Response
- Contributions to Direct Mission Support Racial Ethnic Ministries
- Contributions for Mentoring and Tutoring for Direct Mission Support Young Adult Ministry
- Direct financial support for American Bible Society from the National Presbyterian Men's Ministry Bible Fund



Bill Irvine is the Young Men's Representative (2006-2008) on the Executive Board of the National Council of Presbyterian Men Inc., and is a deacon at New Hope PCUSA, St Charles Mo.

As part of the Covenant, the President of National Association of Presbyterian Scouters now has an at-large position on the Presbyterian Men Executive Board and will have a direct impact on all decisions affecting young Presbyterian men in the organization. We look forward to working with Presbyterian Scouters in bringing youth and men to a more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.



We Want You!

To Help Round Up New Members for NAPS

When you network with, play golf with, go Scouting with, bump into, pray with, or otherwise connect with your fellow Presbyterian Scouters, recruit them for our team--

to assist Presbyterian congregations to become chartered partners with BSA

to assist local Councils in establishing units in Presbyterian churches

to foster individual religious growth of Presbyterian youth

to promote the use of unit Chaplains and Chaplain Aides

to support the chaplaincy program in summer camps

to encourage recognition of and to recognize Presbyterian clergy, laymen, and organizations for their contributions to youth and Scouting

and.....

to bring unchurched youth and their families in contact with Presbyterian Churches through quality, fun, and exciting Scouting programs

Articles Wanted!

You, our members, are also our reporters, writers, and photographers!

We're interested in just about anything dealing with Presbyterian units or Scouters.

Pictures should be in .jpg format and people in them identified.

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