



# The Presbyterian Scouter



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## From the President

It is exciting to hear of the many things that are going on for Scouting.

In some Councils there are Ecumenical Religious Relations groups that have a strong program and have done many things to help foster the P.R.A.Y. God and Country Program. One thing that they do which shows the culmination of the year's activities and rewards the youth that have earned the certificates is to have a Recognition Supper. The Recognition supper has included all groups that sponsor Boy Scout programs, the Girl Scouts, and the Future Farmers. They mostly have been held in churches that have a food staff to keep the cost down. Donated food and money enable the costs to be kept at a minimum for the recipients, parents and minister. One Recognition Dinner was sponsored at no cost. In addition to giving out the certificates they have a humorous speaker for the young people whose message is on a religious theme.



I would like to thank Bob Matchett and Wray Johanning for staffing the Booth at the Association of Church Educators meeting in Denver in February. There were approximately 1000 participants, and they kept Bob and Wray busy supplying information and materials. I know their efforts will help Scouting grow.

Special appreciation to Your Church (Troops, something you can do):

- Russell Fury reported that Troop 752 of First Presbyterian Church, Oceanside, California, cooked a free breakfast for the Church members to express their appreciation of the church supporting the Scout troop. The troop was also celebrating 50 years of existence. Russell said that the breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and coffee was served after each of the three services, and it was very good. Even though it was free and no donations were sought, many people gave a donation, so it benefited the troop's treasury.
- Troop 326 of Ridglea Presbyterian Church, in Ft. Worth, Texas, in recognition of Scout Sunday, has cooked donuts and coffee for the church members for many years. They setup on the front lawn by the main entrance to do the cooking and also have a model campsite on display.

NAPS has several interesting activities going on this summer and would like to invite you to participate: NAPS will have a booth at the:

General Assembly in Denver, CO, May 24 to May 31

Luncheon – "Scouting in the Church's Ministry" May 27, Adams Mark Hotel

Training Courses at Philmont – this year:  
July 6-12 – Scouting in Church Ministry with special Presbyterian Breakout Session  
Oct. 27-30 – Course for Presbyterian Leaders and Educators

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS** – Last year I asked Russell Fury, Past President who attended the National Meeting, to recommend changes or improvements for NAPS for the future. He met with nine other members at various times in California and submitted several proposed changes to the current bylaws. (Current bylaws may be identified by the words “Revised Edition as of June 29, 1996” and pictures of the medals at the end. The later 1999 amended edition was not adopted by the membership.) The changes proposed by this group have been approved by the Board of Directors and are now being offered to the membership for approval. **VOTING WILL BEGIN MAY 1, 2003 AND END JUNE 30, 2003. FOR MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (DUES PAID FOR 2003) A BALLOT IS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. MARKED BALLOTS SHOULD BE MAILED DURING THE OPEN VOTING PERIOD IN AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS IN THE RETURN ADDRESS PORTION OF THE ENVELOPE (UPPER LEFT CORNER) TO: JACK SCHRIMSHER, 2401 NW 88<sup>TH</sup> ST., KANSAS CITY, MO 64154.** Eligibility for voting will be verified by the return address on the envelope before the ballot is separated from the envelope for counting. If approved by two-thirds of the members voting, the proposed amendments shall take effect July 1, 2003.

The current Bylaws, including the proposed amendments, are included in this Newsletter. The proposed changes bring NAPS operations into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the electronic age and further clarify some current provisions. The most significant change will be the removal of the national officers from membership on the Board of Directors in keeping with the current Presbyterian and corporate methods of doing business. The national officers will instead operate as an executive committee to handle day-to-day operations of NAPS. A Publications Secretary position will be added as an additional national officer. To compensate for national officers no longer being Board members and to facilitate operation of the Executive Committee, the Board will be allowed to meet and conduct business by conference calls and e-mail. The fiscal year will match the calendar year (beginning January 1 instead of July 1). Youth membership eligibility will be clarified to include Scouts fourteen years of age and above. Relevant committee and organizational names will be updated to current official titles. Reference to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be included in recognition of the Covenant Agreement NAPS has with that denomination. (That change will not eliminate any other branches of the Presbyterian Church.)

### **Proposed Bylaw Changes**

Proposed amendments to or changes in the Bylaws of NAPS must have the approval of the Board of Directors before a ballot of the changes is mailed to the membership.

To solve potential problems the Bylaws are being updated, corrections of names and titles are made to clarify and to improve the administration of operations, and to legalize and improve all activities and goals. The relationship between the National Board of Directors and the National Officers is clarified. Special communication plans will be established.

**Item #1.** The PREAMBLE - Give the complete name of our denomination -

The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters is a private nonprofit corporation organized under the Texas Non-profit Corporation Act to serve the Presbyterian Church (USA) . . . .

**Item #2.** ARTICLE VII, Section 7. - Add the full name of our church -

The Chaplain will be an ordained member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) clergy who will be the spiritual leader of NAPS.

**Item #3.** ARTICLE I, Section 3. Name and Objective: - Insert P.R.A.Y. for nonexistent COYAR - Section 3. Fostering young people’s individual religious growth through the programs of (remove: the Commission for Church and Youth Agency Relationships) Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.)

**Item #4.** Section 6. Encouraging the use of the adult recognition program (the God & Service Award) of *(remove: the Commission for Church and Youth Agency Relationships)* Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) . . .

**Item #5.** ARTICLE VI – Governing Body - Adjust Board of Directors comprised - Section 1. NAPS shall be governed by a National Board of Directors comprised of *(remove: the five elected national officers)* The Regional Director of each Region, and such functionaries as described in Sections 2, 3, 4 below. The Board of Directors shall not exceed twenty-five (25) members.

**Item #6.** ARTICLE VII – National Officers - Add Section 3 (f). - The President may direct members of the Board of Directors to participate in the national decision processes (as required) by meetings, conference calls, emails or letters; and shall direct such processes when at least three (3) members of the Board request such actions.

**Item #7.** ARTICLE 1. - Name and Objective - Simplify changing Scout Unit names by combining into “Family of Scouting Units”.

Section 2. 1. Encouraging Presbyterian congregations to become chartered partners, incorporating *(remove: Tiger Cubs, Cub Packs, Scout Troops, Varsity Scout Teams, and Explorer Posts and Ships)* a family of Scouting Units into their ministries with Youth, . . .

**Item #8.** ARTICLE IV - Membership - Clarify age of youth to join NAPS -

Section 1. (A) Regular membership shall be open to adult Scouters and Youth of *(remove: Explorer)* age of fourteen (14) and above who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of American and active members of a particular Presbyterian congregation or Presbytery.

**Item #9.** ARTICLE X - Financial Matters -

Section 1. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be from *(remove: July 1 of each year through June 30 of the following year)* January 1 through December 31 of each year.

**Item #10.** ARTICLE VII - National Officers - Add Publication Secretary -

Section 1. The elected National Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Publications Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain.

Section 5. *(remove: (e) He shall serve as chairman of the publication committee.)*

(f) to read – He will carry out . . .

Section 6. new: The Publications Secretary

(a) He will serve as chairman of the publications committee. (b) He will be responsible for publishing the quarterly newsletter and for submitting articles to National, Synod, and Presbytery newspapers and BSA Today He will be responsible for articles in response to special request. (c) He will be responsible for the inputs to the NAPS web page.

Re-number old section 6, 7, 8, to 7, 8, 9.

Enclosed is a revised copy of Bylaws for your review and approval. **Please return the vote sheet to Jack Schrimsher no later than 25 May at: 2401 NW 88th Street, Kansas City, MO 64154**

I HAVE REVIEWED THE PROPOSED AMENDED BYLAWS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND I

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## Regional News



### Northeast Region

*Eugene Foley – Director (856) 964-3184*

Our emphasis for the coming months will be on getting to know our Presbyteries. Several of our members are starting campaigns to have local churches identify their Scout leadership and members of their churches who volunteer at Scout units outside the church. Clerks in the various churches are being sent letters with copies of our Adult Religious Award flyers to encourage them, with the assistance of NAPS volunteers, to nominate eligible men and women for recognition.

This effort recognizes that many churches are unaware of the fact that Presbyterian Churches sponsor thousands of Scout Units and that some 150,000 of our youth are members. Recognizing someone in their home church provides tangible evidence of our role in the leadership of the BSA.

At this time of year, many religious Scouting retreats are taking place. Ten Commandment Hikes and religious retreats are an excellent way for our leaders to share in the spiritual development of our youth. You and your church are important in these activities. I do my best each year to participate in the ecumenical spring retreat sponsored by the New Jersey Lutheran Association of Scouters as the chaplain, and in our non-sectarian Ten Commandments Hike in the fall, where we visit ten churches, temples and synagogues. The Presbyterian Church should be represented at these activities. I know that other members participate in these activities and I encourage them to let your NAPS officers know of your successes!



### Mid-America Region

*Mike Cheeseman – Director (316) 634-1566*

*Wray Johanning – Secretary (636) 391-0734*

### NAPS Represented at GIDDINGS - LOVEJOY Presbytery Meeting

Wray and Diana Johanning and new NAPS member Ed Acheson went to First Presbyterian Church of Edwardsville Ill. to represent NAPS at the March meeting of the Giddings - Lovejoy Presbytery. Giddings - Lovejoy covers the Greater St. Louis Area Southeastern Missouri and Southwestern Illinois. We had the NAPS Booth which drew a great deal of positive attention. We also had 2 minutes in front of the assembled Presbytery to tell the NAPS story. We had nothing but positive comments about Scouting and the God and Country Program. It was so positive it was suggested that we make a return visit in the future. Plans have been set in motion to get this done in the fall in St. Louis when attendance at Presbytery is at its highest. Just as a note one of the Pastors of a Church that does not have Scouting is going to call me this week to set an appointment to get them started in Scouting.

The only negative of the day was the most frequently comment, "We didn't know you (NAPS) existed" this comment was not made as a negative, but an honest observation. But to us it was negative, because it indicated we are doing a poor job of letting people know who NAPS is and what NAPS does. Our message

is a good one and the word needs to be spread. (*ed note*: I would like to see more presentations and our presence felt at many more Presbyteries. So in the future we don't hear "We didn't know you existed") We were so positively received at Presbytery that I feel strongly that a Covenant between NAPS and Giddings - Lovejoy will be secured in the near future.

## St. Mark Presbyterian Church Presents 22 God and Country Awards

St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Ballwin, Missouri presented 14 God and Me Awards, 7 God and Family Awards and 1 God and Church Award at Sunday worship services February 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. This followed 4 weeks of classroom instruction for the God and Me Class, 6 weeks of instruction for the God and Family Award and 10 months of individual study and working with a counselor for the God and Church Award. We had the services of two excellent lay instructors in God and Me and God and Family (not staff).

St. Mark God and Country Program is truly ecumenical, half the youth attending the Program were not Presbyterian (including other Protestant Faiths, Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox). We do ask that the parents of non Presbyterians obtain permission to attend from their Clergy or religious leader. We have in the past had non churched youth in our classes; this was their first experience with Christ. Since we require parental participation, it has, we hope, instilled in the parent at the least a desire to rediscover the Church.

The new curriculum from PRAY for the God and Me and God and Family Programs got nothing but praise from both the youth "Because it is **Fun**" and the instructors "this is the most complete curriculum I have ever presented; I didn't have to add to it".

St. Mark has had a very active God and Country Program over the past 4 years and has average 20 youth Awards a year.



## Lakes and Prairies Region

*David L. Moore – Director (612-922-4988)*

Randy Yates of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska, reported on a successful Scout Sunday program. Randy worked with 23 youth in completing religious awards and had four leaders recognized with adult religious awards. Randy is very active with the District, Council and his church.



## South Atlantic Region

*Stephen J. Taylor (864) 579-8607*

In the South Atlantic Region of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida we have recruited some new members onto the Regional Committee. Recently the Regional Secretary (Neal Stanford –from the Atlanta Area Council) and I met in my office to confer on strategies for the coming year. As a result we are sending a letter to all Scout Executives in our three states to encourage them to recruit a Presbyterian onto their

Council Relationships Committee, to invite Presbyterian Church representatives to the upcoming News Unit Videoconference for the purpose of organizing new units in our denomination's churches, and to promote the God/Country series. We are very close to securing a Regional Chaplain as well.



### Southwest Region

*John Forrest – Director (602-841-9194)*

The Grand Canyon Council Interfaith Religious Recognition Committee held its annual recognition ceremony on February 8. This event recognizes those Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Campfire youth who earned their religious award the previous year. About 200 youth participated. A special patch was awarded by the council to each youth attending the ceremony.

John Forrest attended the presentation of the God and Service Award to Marjorie Pomp at Pinnacle Presbytery Church at a service on 9 February. He had visited a Troop 133 Court of Honor about two years ago and left a copy of the award application form with one of the senior leaders. She called a month ago to tell him that the seed which was sown had borne fruit.



### Living Waters Region

*Hawley Heglar – Director*

Hawley first joined Scouting as a Cub Scout in 1967 and earned his Arrow of Light. He continued on into Boy Scouts becoming an Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He worked on the staff of Camp John J. Barnhardt in the Central North Carolina Council. He received his BA in Business Management from NCSU in 1980.

Hawley is married to the former Cynthia Craddock and has two children. Jennifer is a freshman at Tusculum College in Greenville, TN, and Dan is a freshman at Tennessee High School and is an Eagle Scout. Cynthia is an elementary school teacher.

Hawley has served both as a Cubmaster and Scoutmaster, has earned the Cub Scouter Award, the Pioneer Award (District Award of Merit), The God and Service Award, the National Scoutmasters Award, and has completed the Course for the Wood Badge. He has served on the staff of many varied District and Council events. In addition to his Scouting activities, Hawley served as PTA Secretary and Council Treasurer, is a Board Member for the Kiwanis of Bristol as well as the Cedar Valley Swim and Tennis Club. He is a past Ambassador for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, a member of the NCSU Alumni Association, serves as a substitute Sunday School teacher and participates in his church's LOGO'S youth program.



## Southern California and Hawaii

*Peter Van Dyken – Director (661) 724-1022*

Peter Van Dyken has been very active supporting NAPS for many years at Scout, Synod and Presbytery levels. Some of the examples include attending the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii Stewardship and Mission rally with a display and banners; he also handed out P.R.A.Y. and Scouting material. He attended the Los Angeles Area Council Interfaith Banquet that honored all Scouts that received a religious emblem that year. In addition to Peter and the Youth Director of Hollywood Presbyterian Church presented each Presbyterian Scout a special certificate and a religious emblem knot. Peter reported that the idea of honoring a Scout who earned the religious emblem came from a retired Presbyterian Minister, Rev. B. D. Hughes. The first banquet was February 13, 1973.

Peter and NAPS member, Paul Anderson, attend the Desert Pacific (San Diego) Council Scout fair and the Los Angeles Council Scout-A-Rama to promote the Religious emblems with a nice display and with literature.



## Trinity Region

*David Gringas – Director (610) 299-4863*

The best way to get more Presbyterian Churches to sponsor Boy Scouts of America units is to get the Ministers recruiting each other. We (NAPS) have the lists of all of the Presbyterian Churches in our Council. The Professional and Commissioner staffs know where we have chartered partners.

We should annually cross-reference the lists to determine areas we are not servicing Youth as much as possible. The list of potential new Presbyterian Churches should be reviewed by the Council Commissioner staff and the Scout Executive staff to assess the situation and determine that there is a need for an additional unit or family of units.

Every Presbyterian Church that does not presently sponsor BSA units is a potential new sponsor. Once a Presbyterian Church is identified as a potential Sponsor the other Presbyterian Ministers who do sponsor units should be brought together. If the other local Presbyterian Ministers agree that there is a need they should be recruited to approach the potential Presbyterian Church sponsor through their Minister.

The key is to have the Minister recruit the Minister and answer any questions their counterpart Minister may have. Many of the Churches without units have not been asked to sponsor BSA units before. If there are objections they will hopefully come up when the Ministers are talking to each other. However, in many cases the Ministers will tell you that the biggest reason for not starting scouting units is because nobody ever asked me/us! Please try this method and provide details on your experiences.

## **NAPS Member Leads Christian Worship at World Jamboree**

Every four years, the World Organization of the Scouting Movement provides youth from around the world with a chance to meet one another. This year, the 20<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree was held in Sattahip, Thailand from late December to early January. The warm climate and beautiful beach made this one of the most memorable Scouting events ever to take place.

These events are staffed by an international contingent, bringing together the talents of thousands of men and women from all walks of life. Our own Eugene Foley, Northeast Region Director of NAPS was assigned to the Spiritual and Religious Activities Division at the Jamboree and was the senior Protestant member of the staff.

In that role, Foley provided chaplaincy service to the International Service Team and contingents that did not have their own chaplains. He also lead a variety of worship services including the Protestant services for Christmas, New Years and the two Sundays during which staff and participants were at the Jamboree. Foley had a staff of eight volunteers from around the world that assisted in Prayer Valley, a refuge for those seeking a spiritual moment during the hustle and bustle of the larger event. These volunteers served side-by-side with more than twenty Thai staff members to provide for a variety of worship services and displays in the Valley. It is estimated that Prayer Valley saw well over 18,000 staff, participants and visitors. According to Foley, "My work, and the work of my staff, was to show the variety of Protestant traditions in the best light. The majority of people we met were Buddhist or from other non-Christian traditions. They were full of questions, and we were there to do our best to answer them." Foley, who has served as chaplain at the Florida National Sea Base and as Chaplain Coordinator at Philmont Scout Ranch, has been a part of the NAPS exhibit team at the last two National Jamborees at Fort A. P. Hill in Virginia.

## **NAPS Represented at APCE**

By Wray Johanning

Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators held their annual 2003 convention at the Adam-Marks Hotel in Denver, Colorado January 28<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>. There were approximately 1000 Christian Educators, Resource Persons and Pastors in attendance, representing all 50 states and Canada. NAPS' reason for being at APEC was to familiarize members of our purposes. Our basic message was that Scouting enhances both Christian Education through God and Country Programs and Outreach through the Scouting Programs. Just as a side note the new syllabus for the God and Me Program and the God and Family Program were a big hit. The new format created quite a bit of interest and excitement. The NAPS Booth was at the convention and was manned by Bob Machett of Denver and Wray Johanning of Ballwin, Missouri. One thing that set our booth apart from the rest was we were in Scout Uniform when the booth was open. They both noted when the God and Service Award and the Celtic Cross Award were discussed you could see lights come on in the eyes of the attendees and comments like "I know just the person in our church that deserves this award". NAPS' response was "Why not give it to them" and provided an application.

Both Bob and Wray mentioned that the uniform drew positive comments both in and out of the booth. Most frequently heard were "My son is an Eagle Scout or my Grandson is a Cub Scout and just finished the Pine Wood Derby and he won a prize.

Both felt they had a successful convention.

## Your Electronic Newsletter

As with so many other things in this time the cost of publishing your NAPS newsletter continues to climb. Postage and duplication costs have been some of the reasons that we recently saw the first increase in our annual dues ever. In an effort to help reduce our costs I would like to offer to those of you with e-mail connectivity an opportunity to receive your quarterly NAPS newsletter electronically. To do this we obviously will need a copy of your email address. I know that many of you are concerned about yet another organization having your e-mail address and the potential for abuse. I can assure you that we will neither sell our mailing list nor make it available to any other organization. One obvious benefit to this offer, in addition to having a non-mangled copy of the newsletter is that it will arrive several days in advance of the postal version and will be in color. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please forward your preferred e-mail address to your Publications Secretary at [brer\\_rabbit10@msn.com](mailto:brer_rabbit10@msn.com).

## NAPS PROVIDES RECOGNITION

We would like to recognize the Scouts and units who qualify for the following awards:

***FUTURE EAGLE RECIPIENTS*** The president would like to send a letter of recognition to the Scouts that are receiving their Eagle award. Parents, please contact me through PRAY and allow about 10 weeks for processing as we get one mailing a month from PRAY and I travel a lot. Or contact me through email at [efkerlin@flash.net](mailto:efkerlin@flash.net).

***UNIT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE*** A unique Presbyterian award that can be earned by any unit. Special patches are available for 1, 2, and 3 consecutive years of qualifying for the award. Be the first to receive a three year patch-to my knowledge no unit has succeeded in doing that. Please request information and patches from PRAY.

***SPIRITUAL GROWTH CERTIFICATE*** The Spiritual Growth Certificate can be presented to any Presbyterian Scout or member of a Presbyterian Scout Unit that has completed 3 God and Country Programs. We are proud of this certificate and it is suitable for wall hanging. NAPS is the only organization that recognizes a Scout that has completed three of the religious awards. Request the certificate through PRAY or Rush Hart, NAPS Treasurer at [rushart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rushart@sbcglobal.net).

# National Association of Presbyterian Scouters Bylaws



The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters is a private nonprofit corporation, organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act to serve the Presbyterian Church (USA) and its Head as an organ

- for advocacy,
- for service,
- for mutual support and encouragement

so that the program and resources of the Boy Scouts of America might best serve as tools for the Church's ministry with youth.

## **ARTICLE I - Name and Objective:**

Section 1. The name of the corporation shall be "The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters," hereinafter referred to as NAPS

Section 2. The objectives of NAPS are:

To encourage and support Presbyterian congregations and their ministries with youth in using the programs of the Boy Scouts of America by:

1. Encouraging Presbyterian congregations to become chartered partners, incorporating a Family of Scouting Units into their ministries with youth, thereby extending their programs of leadership training and community outreach.
2. Assisting local councils of the Boy Scouts of America in the promotion, chartering, establishing, and supporting of Scouting units in Presbyterian Congregations.
3. Fostering young people's individual religious growth through the Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) (God & Me, God & Family, God & Church, and God & Life); through the use of the Chaplain's Aide position in the Boy Scouts of America and through providing events and resources highlighting the Scout's and Scouter's duty to God.
4. Promoting the use of the unit Chaplain position in the Boy Scouts of America.
5. Supporting the camp chaplaincy program of the Boy Scouts of America.
6. Encouraging the use of the adult recognition program (the God & Service award) of Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.).

## **ARTICLE II - Methodology:**

Achievement of the objectives in Article I shall be accomplished by, but not limited to, the following means:

1. Interpretation of Scouting to the governing bodies of the church.
2. Promotion of Scout units in congregations not currently using the Scouting program.
3. Promotion of additional units in congregations without a full family of units.
4. Promotion of, and participation in, Scout Sunday observances.

5. Developing and/or strengthening relationships between particular churches & local Scout councils.
6. Promotion of continual identification, selection, commitment and training of adult leadership for service at all levels - unit to national - within the Boy Scouts of America.
7. Promotion of the religious awards for both youth and adult members.
8. Promotion of participation in seminars (religious relationships, etc.) at Philmont and at other church and Scouting sites to improve people's skills, awareness, and spiritual growth.
9. Provision of opportunities for training, study, reflection, and renewal for those involved in the Scouting ministry.
10. Publication of a Presbyterian Scouting newsletter.
11. Submission of articles on Scouting activities and the work of NAPS to church and Scouting publications.
12. Recruiting chaplains for service as needed, unit service, local and national events and programs. Interpretation of the need for chaplains as a mission issue; securing people and funds to support the mission.
13. Furthering cooperation with other denominations and faiths through the Relationships Division of the Boy Scouts of America.

#### **ARTICLE III- Headquarters:**

The headquarters of NAPS shall be located in the Dallas/Fort Worth (Texas) area.

#### **ARTICLE IV- Membership**

Section 1. There shall be three classes of membership: regular, associate, and honorary.

[A] Regular membership shall be open to adult Scouters and youth age fourteen (14) and above who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and active members of a particular Presbyterian congregation or Presbytery.

[B] Associate membership shall be open to members of the Program Agencies of any Presbyterian body described in Article VI, Section 2, and to any other persons not meeting the requirements for regular membership but is interested in furthering the goals of this corporation.

[C] The Board of Directors may, from time to time, award honorary membership for outstanding service and support in the furthering of the objectives of NAPS.

Section 2. Regular members shall be entitled to elect officers, vote on issues, and hold office in the corporation.

Associate and honorary members may attend meetings of NAPS and shall have the privilege of the floor, but may not vote.

Section 3. Membership is limited to individuals; it is not transferable; and there is no initiation fee.

Section 4. Regular and associate members will be expected to pay an annual registration fee, payable in advance each year, or any of the following options: (1) a five year membership, (2) a ten year membership, or (3) a life membership.

[A] These fees will be established by the Board of Directors and any change in the amount shall be announced to current members a minimum of ninety [90] days prior to the date set for annual renewal.

[B] Members whose fee are more than thirty [30] days in arrears shall be suspended from all rights and privileges until the annual fee is paid.

[C] Members in arrears one full year shall be removed from the membership rolls.

Section 5. Membership may be terminated by action of the Board of Directors, or by a member submitting a letter of resignation to the national secretary.

#### **ARTICLE V - Biennial Meeting**

There shall be a general meeting of the membership held biennially in even years, time and place to coincide with the national meeting of the Boy Scouts of America or with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The purpose of this meeting is (a) to formally elect and install national officers for the next two years, (b) receive a status

report from the officers of the corporation, and (c) receive recommendations for future growth and outreach of the corporation's objectives from the members present.

#### **ARTICLE VI - Governing Body**

Section 1. NAPS shall be governed by a National Board of Directors comprised of the Regional Director of each Region, and such functionaries as described in Sections 2-3-4 below. The Board of Directors shall not exceed twenty-five [25] members.

Section 2. Presbyterian bodies [i.e. The Presbyterian Church (USA) or any other Presbyterian body in correspondence with PC(USA) recognizing NAPS] shall be entitled to place a member of its Youth Ministries Division [or equivalent] on the National Board of Directors with voice and vote.

Section 3. The Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to place a member of the national staff on the National Board of Directors with voice and vote.

Section 4. The membership of the National Board of Directors may select no more than three [3] members-at-large to serve for a term of no more than two [2] years.

Section 5. The National Board of Directors shall meet [a] immediately preceding the biennial meeting, [b] at the call of the President, or [c] upon the written request of three [3] members of the Board. One-third of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. The President with the approval of the Board of Directors may establish standing and ad hoc committees as needed. Each standing committee shall include at least two [2] Board members, one of whom shall serve as chairman.

Section 7. The Board of Directors may remove any member of the Board for cause at a special meeting of the Board, called for that purpose, after such proceeding as the Board may deem appropriate; provided that a quorum of the Board shall be present, exclusive of the person whose removal is at issue, and a two-thirds vote of those present, exclusive of the person whose removal is at issue, shall be necessary for removal.

Section 8. The day-to-day operations of NAPS shall be managed by an Executive Committee composed of the elected national officers. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the membership of the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee shall take no action which has been previously forbidden by action of the Board. Any action of the Executive Committee may be overturned by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 9. Meetings and proceedings of NAPS shall be concluded in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order except as otherwise may be provided in these bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VII- National Officers**

Section 1. The elected national officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Publications Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain.

Section 2. The terms of office shall be for two [2] years and there shall be no limit on the number of consecutive terms any officer may hold. Newly elected officers shall take office at the conclusion of the biennial meeting or upon appointment in an interim situation.

Section 3. The president [a] serves as the chief executive officer of the corporation. [b] He may call meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He will establish the agenda for these meetings and the biennial meeting of the corporation. He will preside at these meetings. [c] He may establish committees and appoint members to them. [d] He will appoint a nominating committee as established in Article IX. [e] He will serve as an ex officio member of all committees. [f] The President may direct members of the Board of Directors to participate in the national decision processes (as required) by meetings, conference calls, emails or letters; and shall direct such processes when at least three (3) members of the Board request such actions.

Section 4. The vice-president [a] shall assume the role of the president at any regular or called meeting of the corporation in his absence. [b] He will succeed to the office of president in the event that position becomes vacant. [c] He will serve

as chairman of the committee on Awards and Recognitions. [d] He will serve in other capacities as assigned by the president.

Section 5. The secretary [a] will take notes of all called meetings of the corporation, Board of Directors and Executive Committee; and will distribute minutes of these meetings to all members of the Board. [b] He will maintain a file of the NAPS membership and give notice when membership fees are due. [c] He will distribute a quarterly report on membership to members of the Board. [d] He will serve as the purchasing officer for the corporation. [e] He will carry out any other duties as may be assigned by the president.

The seal of the corporation will be in the custody of the secretary.

Section 6. The Publications Secretary [a] will serve as chairman of the Publications Committee. (b) He will be responsible for publishing the quarterly newsletter and for submitting articles to National, Synod, and Presbytery newspapers and BSA Today. He will be responsible for articles in response to special request. (c) He will be responsible for inputs to the NAPS web page.

Section 7. The treasurer [a] will serve as the financial officer of the corporation, responsible for the custody of funds received and the disbursing of funds where authorized. [b] He will submit a detailed financial statement of NAPS accounts quarterly to the Board of Directors. [c] He will develop an annual budget to be approved by the Board of Directors, and [d] carry out any other duties as may be assigned by the president.

Section 8. The chaplain will be an ordained member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) clergy who will be the spiritual leader of NAPS. The chaplain will [a] oversee the spiritual functions of NAPS meetings, workshops, or conferences; [b] recommend clergy to the president or Board of Directors for special assignments (i.e. Jamborees), and [c] carry out any other duties as may be assigned by the president.

Section 9. Interim vacancies in the elective offices of NAPS, except the president, may be filled by the Board of Directors until the next biennial election. Should the office of president become vacant, the vice-president shall succeed to that position.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - Territorial Subdivisions**

Section 1. To meet the goals and objectives of NAPS, the United States will be divided into areas whose boundaries shall coincide with those of the synods of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and which shall hereinafter be referred to as regions.

Section 2. Regional functions shall be promotional, advisory and cooperative in carrying out the policies and programs of NAPS and shall include any special assignments directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Regional meetings shall be held in odd-numbered years, except that they shall be held at times and places coinciding with the meetings of the synod coextensive with the region. If a synod meets more than once a year, the regional meeting shall coincide with its first meeting of the year.

[A] Special meetings may be called at any time by the regional director. Such meetings to be called by written notice, mailed at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting date, stating the business to be transacted. No other business shall be transacted.

[B] Meetings of the regional board may be called at any time by the regional director. One-third of the board membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Elected regional officers shall consist of a Regional Director, Secretary, and Chaplain. A Regional Director who cannot attend a meeting of the National Board of Directors may designate one of the other elected officers in the region to attend as an alternate.

Section 5. Each regional director may organize his regional structure as will best suit its purposes. This may include a regional board not to exceed twenty [20] members.

## **ARTICLE IX- Nominations**

Section 1. The president shall, six months prior to each biennial meeting, appoint a nominating committee of five members from different regions, , none of whom shall be officers, whose duty shall be to make nominations for the elective national offices of NAPS. Additional nominations may be made by any regular member desiring to do so, providing that such nominations must be endorsed by five [5] other regular members in good standing.

Section 2. Regional nominating committees shall be appointed by the regional director and shall consist of not less than three [3] members from different presbyteries. They shall make nominations for regional offices and shall operate under the same rules as outlined in Section 1 above, except as the schedule applies to the timing of the regional meetings.

Section 3. Elections shall be conducted by mail. Ballots shall be mailed to all members eligible to vote at least sixty [60] days prior to the biennial meetings. Ballots may include any issue requiring approval of the general membership or on which the Board of Directors desires to determine the wishes of the membership.

## **ARTICLE X - Financial Matters**

Section 1. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each following year.

Section 2. A checking account shall be maintained at a bank convenient to the treasurer and funds may be deposited in such other bank or banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors, such accounts to be in the name of the corporation.

Section 3. The financial records of NAPS shall be open to inspection by any regular member of NAPS upon request.

Section 4. NAPS accounts shall be audited by an independent CPA, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, at the end of each fiscal year, and at such other times as the Board of Directors may require. The audited statement shall be available to members upon request.

Section 5. Funds for the operation of the regions shall be appropriated by the Board of Directors in amounts to be determined by the Board.

## **ARTICLE XI- Income and Property:**

Section 1. The income and property of NAPS, from whatever source derived shall be applied exclusively toward the promotion of the objectives of NAPS. No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of profit, to any officer or any other person who, at any time, is or has been a member of NAPS; provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of reasonable remuneration to any officer or employee of NAPS, or any other person, in return for services rendered to, or expenses incurred for, NAPS. NAPS shall not enter into any transaction with any officer, director, or member other than at a fair and reasonable value and in the ordinary course of conducting NAPS' ordinary business and customary programs.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, acquire property, including real estate, developed or undeveloped, and may acquire or build buildings or other facilities, so as to enhance the ability of NAPS to conduct its operations in an efficient and prudent manner.

Section 3. In the event of the dissolution of NAPS, all outstanding debts and liabilities shall be satisfied. If, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, there remains any property, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the member of NAPS, but shall revert in equal parts to the Protestant Relations Committee of the Boy Scouts of America and the Presbyterian Church (USA) as an unrestricted gift.

## **ARTICLE XII - Indemnification**

Section 1. The corporation may, to the fullest extent then permitted by law, indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any action or proceeding be reason of the fact that he, his testator, or intestate, was a director or officer of the corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement, and reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees.

**ARTICLE XIII - Limitations:**

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Bylaws, the objectives of NAPS are limited to, and shall include only, religious charitable, literary and educational purposes within the meaning of those terms used in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, and all references to the objectives of NAPS shall be construed to include such limitation. NAPS shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the objectives of NAPS as so limited.

**ARTICLE XIV - Amendments to Bylaws:**

Section 1. Proposed amendments to, or changes in, the bylaws must be submitted to, and have the approval of the Board of Directors. A ballot containing the text thereof shall be mailed to all members entitled to vote a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the proposed effective date of the amendment or change and no amendment to, or change in, the bylaws shall be made without the favorable vote of two-thirds of the members voting. When the bylaws are amended, they will have no effect on incumbent officers or directors; changes will not become effective until new elections are made.

## ***NAPS Future Activities***

May 24 – May 31, 2003	<b>215<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Meeting, Presbyterian Church (USA)</b>	Colorado Convention Center, Denver Colorado	
May 24 -29	<b>NAPS booth</b> open during exhibit hours	Colorado Convention Center, Denver	Staffed by NAPS National and Regional members
May 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 – 11:00AM	<b>NAPS Business Meeting and Planning Session</b>	Adams Mark Hotel, Plaza Court 2, Denver,	Open to all NAPS members
May 27 <sup>th</sup> 12:30 PM	<b>NAPS Luncheon <i>Scouting in the Church Ministry</i></b>	Adams Mark Hotel, Plaza Court 1, Denver,	Cost - \$27.00
May 28-30 2003	<b>National BSA Annual Meeting</b>	Philadelphia Marriott (Downtown), Philadelphia, PA	
July 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2003	<b>Scouting and the Church's Ministry</b>	Philmont Training Center	Special Presbyterian breakout sessions
October 27 -30, 2003	<b>Course for Presbyterian Leaders and Educators</b>	Philmont Training Center	Program under development – <b>watch for complete details in a future newsletter!</b>
October, 2003	<b>BSA Religious Relations Sub- Committee and Relationship Committee meetings</b>	Marriott Hotel, Irving, Texas	Eliot Kerlin attending
May 19-21, 2004	<b>National BSA Annual Meeting</b>	Hyatt Regency, Chicago	
June 26-July 3, 2004	<b>216<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Meeting, Presbyterian Church (USA)</b>	Richmond, VA	