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NAPS booth at General Assembly in June at General Assembly was manned by volunteers, including left to right, Diana Johanning, Janie Hart, Rush Hart, and Fran Kerlin. Dave Richardson, Eliot Kerlin, Wray Johanning, Paul Deason, and Jack Schmister also took duty tours.

It's Catch Up Time For NAPS Organization

by Corb Sarchet, Editor

National Association of Presbyterian Officers and Directors meeting at the NAPS meetings agreed it was time to catch up with the times and revise the NAPS bylaws to bring them up to date.

The reality was apparent. The bylaws calling for region elections of directors was not working, and only Director, Dr. Paul Deason, had actually been elected, as the other regions had not held their required elections.

After lengthy discussion by those present, it was agreed to adopt new bylaws—which requires a written vote of the membership—and the officers and director agreed to submit the proposed bylaws to the membership, subject to review by Texas, Scouting and the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

The Revised By laws have been reviewed by attorneys representing BSA and the State of Texas, in which NAPS is incorporated, and found to be compliance with policy and law. PCUSA's representative had previously give agreement.

In order to cut down on the cost of printing and mailing, a copy of the by-laws is posted on the NAPS website at www.presbyterianscouters.org. If you desire a printed copy, please contact me, Corb Sarchet, at 107 Darby Place, Gotha, FL., by fax at 407-206-5750, or by email at corbms3@bellsouth.net. (See *CATCH-UP*, page 3)

President's Report

Dear Friends,

Our year of 2006 is now half way over. NAPS and I have had an extremely busy first half of the year.

In February we attended and had a booth at the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE) in St. Louis, Mo. While at the APCE Convention, Dave Richardson from the BSA Religious Relations Division, and I represented NAPS. We had the opportunity to visit with over 1,500 Pastors and Directors of Christian Educators and discuss the ways Boy Scouting can have a positive affect on the Outreach Programs of the individual Presbyterian Church.

In late May, I attend the Boy Scouts of America's National Meeting and the National Religious Relations Committee Meeting. One of the major items coming from the meeting, is that National Supply will start to carry a Religious Emphasis Kit being prepared by PRAY. It will include a CD on presenting the REAP Program and the resources necessary to implement the Program at the Unit and Council level.

NAPS Manned Booth at GA

In June, we attended the PC(USA) General Assembly in Birmingham Alabama. I would like to thank all the NAPS folks and their spouses who helped staff our booth. In particular I would like to extend a special thanks to Dave Richardson from the BSA Relations Division for providing the booth and his support in the booth.

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Act Now to Register for NAPS Annual Philmont Conference

Time is running out to register for what promises to be an exciting conference on Scouting and Presbyterian Churches presented by NAPS at Philmont October 30-November 3.

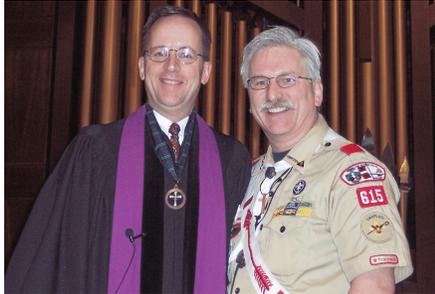
A host of speakers from National Council Relationships Division and High Adventure Bases, from the Protestant Religious Awards for Youth (PRAY), Presbyterian Church USA, and NAPS is on tap, reports Dr. Paul Deason, conference coordinator.

Fellowship activities and a trip to Philmont's (See *Philmont*, page 5)



Palm Sunday Ceremony Features Celtic Cross Award

Rev. Paul Huxtable, an associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Neenah WI, received the Celtic Cross during Palm Sunday services in April. Chaplain Warren Kraft, Twin Lakes District of the Bay-Lakes Council, and NAPS director, made the presentation.



NAPS' Celtic Cross was awarded Palm Sunday to Rev. Paul Huxtable, left, by Chaplain Warren Kraft, NAPS director.

Among his pastoral duties, Rev. Huxtable oversees the middle and high school youth groups, coordinates mission activities and leads youth ministry work trips.

This June, a group of 32 high school students and six adults will work in New Orleans as part of the continuing hurricane clean-up efforts. It will be Rev. Huxtable's third such mission trip to the region, the first two to Gulfport MS in late September and in mid-February.

He also served as mentor for three Scouts who earned their God and Country religious emblem award.

Dr. George Hupp Retires As NAPS Vice-President

Dear Editor:

Please convey to the Board and membership my regrets at my inability to continue to serve as NAPS vice-president. I have enjoyed the fellowship and respect the dedication of you all. I treasured every minute I could be in your company and serve Scouting with you. I will indeed miss it.

I'm sorry I cannot be in Birmingham to share the ministry of Scouting. I will be praying for you.

My cardidologist assures me I am doing very well AND encourages me to not re-enter the "rat-race" but rather to pace myself and carry a smaller load.

It is my intention to live as many more years as the Lord allows and eventually retire from the Pastorate to be able to minister in areas like Scouting more effectively.

May God be with you!

Blessings,

George Hupp

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The NAPS and BSA booth provided us an opportunity to visit with many of the delegates and present the Scouting story and how it can influence the youth programs of the Church. The major emphasis was the use of the Venture Program and how it can supplement their youth programs as well as the use of the God and Country Program as a adjunct to the Christian Education Program.

During the Bi Annual Meeting of the National Officers it was decided to present the 2006 revision of the NAPS Bi Laws to the Membership, in accordance with the Current By Laws, for your approval. Your National Officers reviewed the revisions and recommend approval.

The official ballot is contained in this issue as page 4. All members are to vote on the by-laws, and for only the director in their regions. NAPS regions correspond to PCUSA synod boundaries.

Directors listed are those who have agreed to continue to serve. Write in candidates are encouraged. Vacancies existing after the voting will be filled by me by appointment.

In order to be good stewards of NAPS resources, you will not receive a printed copy of the revised By Laws and a complete copy of the revised By Laws will be posted on our Web Site www.presbyterianscouters.org for your review prior to voting. Please take the time to review the new By Laws and vote. Thanks in advance for your interest in NAPS and taking the time to vote on these important issues.

Other items approved were, the ratification of the results of the recently completed National Election and the partial funding of the Chaplain position for NAPS Regional Director Eugene Foley at Sea Base.

Philmont Conference Looms

On October 30 thru November 4, NAPS will be holding a Seminar at Philmont.

Philmont is set in the shadows of the Sangre de Christo Mountains in northeast New Mexico. It is an area rich with history, located on the old Santa Fe Trail.

The last seminar we held was an exciting time with folks from all over the USA. Please see the article on the Seminar on Pagex).

This years Seminar is being organized by Dr. Paul Deason and should provide all of us with an informative program and a good fellowship. Plus an opportunity to see part of what is known as "God's Country".

Thanks ,Paul, for all your hard work.

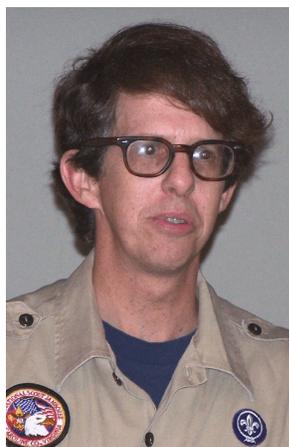
Yours in Scouting.....

Wray

Scenes from the June NAPS meeting



Annual Luncheon was held in the stately Independent Presbyterian Church. Right, officers huddle at the officers and directors meeting.



Below, Wray Johannning presents Libby Kidd, the liaison for the Church with a certificate of appreciation. Center, Rev. George Taylor, associate pastor, told about the Church's interfaith religious

award program they conceived and this has been adopted by PRAY, while right, Dr. Donald Campbell reported to the officers and directors on the status of changes in the staff of PCUSA and how it would effect NAPS and other covenant groups.

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The Birmingham meeting agreed that ballots would also be sent for the election of directors. Under the new bylaws, regional directors would be appointed by the NAPS president, as is currently the case when a vacancy appears.

A ballot for approval of the bylaws and election of regional directors is enclosed. Only members residing in a region may vote for the director of their region. For regions in which there is no incumbent or carryover director, write-ins are encouraged.

Major changes in the bylaws also provide for voting by electronic ballot in future elections of national officers and for other issues requiring a vote of the membership.

Dr. Deason and Corb Sarchet, the publications secretary, were agreed upon as the ballot canvassing committee. The Committee will receive the ballots and submit them for an independent count.

In other action in Birmingham, the group received reports from the officers, voted to fund transportation expenses for Pastor Eugene Foley to be the chaplain at the Florida Seabase during the summer camping season, adopted a resolution commended Dr. George Hupp for his long and faithful service as NAPS vice-president, confirmed the election of the officers, and heard a report from Dr. Donald Campbell on probable covenant group relations with PCUSA.

The group also began planning for the 2010 100th anniversary jambo, for a new NAPS booth display.

National Association of Presbyterian Scouters, Inc.
OFFICIAL BALLOT
September, 2006

Part 1 - BY LAWS
(please check one)

Approve

Disapprove

Part 2 -REGIONAL DIRECTORS
(please check one AND vote for only a director for your region)
(Regions correspond to PCUSA Synods)

- ALASKA-NORTHWEST** - P. Scott Cummins _____
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA & HAWAII** -- Peter Van Dyken _____
- COVENANT** -- Joseph Larrance _____
- LAKES AND PRAIRIES** -- (Vacant) _____
- LINCOLN TRAILS** -- Steven J. Taylor _____
- LIVING WATERS** -- Hawley Heglar _____
- MID-AMERICA** -- Mike Cheesman _____
- MID-ATLANTIC** -- Steve Smith _____
- NORTHEAST** -- Eugene Foley _____
- PACIFIC** -- (Vacant) _____
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN** - (vacant) _____
- SOUTH ATLANTIC** -- Neal Stanford _____
- SUN** -- Oren Peters _____
- SOUTHWEST** - (Already Elected) Dr. Paul J. Deason
- TRINITY** -(Vacant) _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ signed

Date: _____

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Eliot Kerlin Receives Silver Beaver For His Long Work in Scouting

Eliot Kerlin's work and love for Scouting was recognized by the Longhorn Council (Texas) BSA with the Silver Beaver presentation to Immediate Past Resident of NAPS this Spring.



Eliot Kerlin is joined by his long-time Scouting co-partner, his wife, Fran, to receive his Silver Beaver.

Eliot began his adult Scouting career in 1984 as an Assistant Cubmaster and then, Cubmaster. He later joined Troop 326 at Ridgley Presbyterian Church in 1986 serving as Scoutmaster and Asst. Scoutmaster guiding 24 Eagles through 1994 and as Troop Committee Member.

He is a Unit Commissioner Trinity Trails District, Longhorn Council since 1995, on National Staff of four National Jamborees, and since 2001 and during 2001-2004, he served as a member of the National BSA Relationships Committee and the Religious Relationships Sub-committee.

In addition to the training, Scouters and commissioners awards including the Commissioner's Key, he has received the God and Service Award, Celtic Cross Award, and Wood Badge Beads, and the James E West Fellowship.

Eliot joined NAPS in 1981 and became Financial Advisor in 1995, National Treasurer in 1996-2000, Vice President in 2000, National President 2001-2004, immediate Past President 2004-2006.

During these years, he participated in Philmont Relationships Training and Congregational Ministries Division meetings of PC/USA. He also attended seven PC/USA General Assemblies participating in meetings and actions to preserve Scouting in the Presbyterian Church. He planned and led the volunteers for the NAPS exhibit booth, breakfasts and luncheons.

Eliot is a Certified Professional Manager, licensed Professional Engineer, past chairman and current member of the West Texas sector of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He has held offices in the Region X American Vacuum Society and is past director of the Mid-West Section. Eliot has three patents in solar energy and in 1973 he was asked to attend the International Solar Energy Congress in Paris, France, to read his paper on the subject.

He worked 43 years with General Dynamics/Lockheed on the Nuclear, F-111, F-16, Japanese FSX and F-2 projects.

As an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, he continues to serve in many leadership positions. He has two daughters, two Eagle Scouts sons and two grandsons.



Greetings all,

It has been a great Summer at the Florida Sea Base.

The generosity of NAPS made my travel to the Sea Base possible.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to return to paradise for the season.

I know that the Sea Base very much appreciated having a chaplain after having been without one for a year.

Thank you,
Gene Foley

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back country with visits to the theme and re-inactment areas will also be featured.

"We're expecting about 30 to attend," said Wray Johanning, NAPS president.

Registration forms and more information are available on the NAPS website.

National Honors P.R.A.Y. As a "Vendor of the Year"

The BSA National Supply Group recognized eight organizations, including P.R.A.Y., on May 19 as "Vendors of the Year."



CEO Mark Hazlewood represented P.R.A.Y. at the recognition dinner in Charlotte, NC and was presented with a special award to honor P.R.A.Y.'s longstanding relationship with Supply Group.

Although a very small vendor in comparison with other BSA customers, P.R.A.Y. was recognized for its contributions in other ways and for providing a product that reinforces BSA values and builds *Duty to God* into the Scouting program.

Second P.R.A.Y. Patch Segment Now Available

As of August 1, the second of the four segments of the P.R.A.Y. puzzle patch became available, and segment one is no longer available

P.R.A.Y. also announced that the first quarter of 2006 showed a 2.5% increase in the number of BSA youth members who earned a Protestant God and Country award. This increase is in contrast to the slow decline of the past few years.





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

We Welcome These New NAPS Members!

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TO:

Your Presbyterian Scouter
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