Revised By-Laws Approved; Nine Directors Re-elected

By a 33-4 vote, the revised By-Laws were approved during a month-long mail or electronic ballot, announced Mark Coleman, Orlando CPA, and a non-NAPS member, who monitored and tallied the voting during October.

Re-elected as regional directors were: Peter VanDyken, Southern California & Hawaii; Joseph Larrance, Covenant; Steven Taylor, Lincoln Trails; Harley Heglar, Living Waters; Mike Cheesman, Mid-America; Eugene Foley, Northeast; Oren Peters, Sun; and Neal Stafford, South Atlantic.

Paul Deason, Southwest, had previously been elected at a regional vote. There were 40 ballots returned, with one abstaining and two not voting on the by-laws ballot. Six ballots for directors were ruled invalid as they contained votes for more than one candidate.

NAPS Director Cummins Boosts Uganda Aid Efforts

It’s safe to say the trip NAPS Director P. Scott Cummins, made to Africa two summers ago changed the Seattle, WA., resident's life.

That month long journey - taken on behalf of the Magnolia-based Sister Schools program that brings needed school supplies to Ugandan children - opened Cummins' eyes to both the country's endemic poverty and the resilience and human warmth of African society.

This past summer Cummins, who also has hosted visiting Ugandan students in his Magnolia home, traveled to Africa a second time, being joined by Pastor Dan Baumgartner of Queen Anne’s Bethany Presbyterian Church.

He returned state side with an even greater sense of mission. When asked if he will go back yet again next year, Cummins' eyes light up and he nods, adding that it's likely his teenage daughter, who has formed a deep interest in Ugandan culture, will join him on this trip.

Along with his firsthand contact with a country undergoing the gravest humanitarian crisis on the planet, Cummins' energies have been channeled and focused by the unlikeliest of objects: an hour-long video created by three twenty something kids from San Diego.

Conceived almost simultaneously with the act of filming, "Invisible Children" is a powerful documentary that captures, in gritty yet compassionate detail, the day-to-day existence of the (See Cummins, Page 7)

NAPS President’s Report

NAPS Conferees Hear PCUSA Vice Moderator

We have just completed our 2nd Conference at Philmont titled “Forging a Link - Scouting and the Presbyterian Church”.

Thanks to Dr. Paul Deason hard work we had a very informative conference and a great amount of fun and fellowship.

Speakers included Robert Wilson, Vice Moderator of the PCUSA General Assembly who brought us information on the reorganization and many great suggestions on how to make NAPS more visible in the Church.

George Sparks from BSA brought us information on the Venture Program and along with the Rev. Mike Hunter the Role of the Chaplain and Chaplain Aide.

George was filling in for Dave Richardson who is dealing with his wife’s therapy and recovery after surgery and is not straying to far from home. Let’s keep Dave and his wife and family in our prayers.

In addition to the informative sessions one cannot be in a God’s Country without enjoying the beautiful facilities and countryside of North East New Mexico. While the speakers and attendees were in session the spouses enjoyed a shopping trips and sightseeing.

As a group we toured the Historic St. James Hotel in Cimerron on Halloween Night, it is alleged to be haunted by the ghosts of the losers of gunfights in the late 1800's. Much to our disappointment we didn’t encounter any.

We had a sing along and cracker barrel provided by the staff of Philmont. We toured the Villa Philmonte and had an afternoon in the back country and Seaton Museum.

We also had time to see the Chapels on the Camping side and the Tooth of Time Trading Post. A busy but good time was had by all.

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Durham Troop 451 Celebrates 35th Anniversary, 100th Eagle Scout

Troop 451, chartered by Westminster Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC, held a very special celebration on Saturday, September 30, 2006.

"It marked the confluence of two very remarkable milestones for Troop 451 - the anniversary of its 35th continuous year of charter by WPC, and the awarding our 100th Eagle Scout," reports Chip Reinhardt, Assistant Scoutmaster and NAPS member, and a former Scoutmaster, adding "we actually have 105 Eagle Scouts right now!"

“The Troop Committee commissioned a celebration subcommittee, whose mission was to put together a special celebration night, and to locate and invite to this celebration as many of our Eagle Scouts as we could find,” he added. Right now, we have confirmed that 31 of the 105 Eagle Scouts will be there, and the number is growing. Of the 31, we will have three out of five of our very first Eagle Scouts from the late 1970s.

We have Eagle Scouts coming from all over the country, and most are very excited about the celebration. All Eagle Scouts, even those not able to attend, were asked to submit materials for a commemoration scrapbook we are putting together. We hope to be able to put this scrapbook on a CD for our Eagle Scouts. We have confirmed acceptances to the celebration from 179 people (inclusive of the 31 Eagles). Among this number are our Council president, our Council Executive, just-retired senior pastor Haywood Holderness, a goodly number of the session of WPC, the Durham City Manager and two Durham City councilmen, just to name a few. We plan to have a dinner in the WPS Fellowship Hall, followed by a service of celebration in the WPC Sanctuary.

Needless to say, we are all very excited about this event. Just thought I’d share!

Chip Reinhardt
Asst. Scoutmaster (and former Scoutmaster)
Troop 451
Asst. Cubmaster and Den Leader, Pack 451

NAPS, BSA Combine Forces For 2007 ACPE Conference

Dave Richardson, director of chaplains, National Council, BSA, and Eugene Foley, who was the 2006 SeaBase chaplain, will man a joint BSA/NAPS booth at the Annual Presbyterian Christian Educators Conference in Philadelphia January 31-February 3, 2007.

The annual conference draws educators from throughout the U.S. and Canada, and gives BSA and NAPS excellent exposure to Presbyterian youth ministers and directors.

NAPS funds the registration for the booth and the two participants, while BSA provides the display. Foley is a regional director for NAPS, representing the Northeast Region. Foley also served as a chaplain at the 2005 National Jambo.

New Aurora District Officers are Bob Nicholson, chair, on the right; David Carbajal, the DC, and George Mulvey, the DE.

Nicholson New District Chair For Chief Seattle Council

A NAPS member, the Rev. Dr. Robert “Bob” D. Nicholson, Seattle, WA, has been elected as District Chairman for the Aurora District of the Chief Seattle Council, BSA.

Nicholson, a Silver Beaver, has, since his days as a Cub Scout been an integral part of the Scouting family. After attaining his Eagle Scout he was the Senior Patrol Leader for his Circle Ten Council, BSA Troop to the Jamboree at Valley Forge.

After beginning his career Bob was District Chairman for Exploring, Program Director for the newly created Boxwell Reservation, Middle Tennessee Council; District Chairman and Council Vice President, South Plains Councils; and an adult leader for treks at Philmont Scout Ranch.

His strong commitment to Scouting has been evident in every congregation he has served in Dickson, TN; San Francisco and Oakland, CA; Lubbock, TX, and now in Seattle as senior pastor for 14 years at the Lake City Presbyterian Church.

Scout Sunday has always been a highlight. He is the author of several Scout Sunday resources. Bob has been an active leader, for the past decade, in the Synod of Alaska NW serving as a commissioner, on the Search Committee, Vision Committee and Synod Council through 2005.

The range of his Scouting experience as a Scout and Explorer earned him the Sea Scout Quartermaster, Air Scout Ace, Explorer Ranger and Silver Awards as well as the God and Country. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Bob, and his wife, Betty, who was Program Director for the Family Camp at Boxwell Reservation, have two adult children.

His son, an Eagle Scout, is a PhD geochemist and a daughter, nurtured in Exploring, with trek experiences at Philmont, who is a forester, environmental consultant and Certified Professional Facilitator. Both youth have been National Park Service Rangers at Glacier and North Cascades National Parks.
Help NAPS Plan For 2010 Jambo

It may be four years away, but NAPS is already planning for the 2010 National Jamboree celebrating BSA’s 100th Birthday.

And you can help!

“We are trying to redesign our display booth to be more youth-friendly for the thousands of Scouts who will be attending,” explains Corb Sarchet, communications director.

Funds are being earmarked in each year’s budget to fund a new and expanded display, which again will be part of the Relationships Division’s exhibit area.

“However,” added Sarchet, “we will also need donations and sponsors to put together a real Scout stopper of an exhibit.”

At the present, NAPS is soliciting ideas on several specifics:

a. Booth hand out materials on Presbyterians, Presbyterian units, Chaplains and Chaplains’ Aides, unit meeting and camping worship service guidelines, all aimed at youth.

b. Souvenirs such as pins, badges, patches, or other gimmicks sought by or useful to Scouts and Scouters.

c. Display elements of the booth—ie, video, slideshow, interactive, printed materials, etc.

In addition, NAPS is seeking to identify volunteers to work the booth as well as take part in Jambo worship services and serve as Chaplains or Chaplain aides.

“I’ve received some great ideas for consideration from a number of NAPS members who attended the 2005 Jambo,” Sarchet said.

One such idea was for NAPS to offer BSA Chaplain’s and Chaplain’s Aide training and certification courses throughout the Jambo.

Another was to create a “puzzle” patch in cooperation with other Scouting religious partners.

A third was to create a Scouts worship handbook, such as Philmont uses, for use by Presbyterian Scout units.

“Please email your ideas and suggestions to corbms3@bellsouth.net,” Sarchet pleaded. “We welcome your help!”

NOTES ABOUT THIS AND THAT.....

Elliott “Chuck” Wimberly, a life-member of NAPS, has taken a new position as vice president of business Development and Government Relations for the Southern Unit Indian Nation in Durango, CO. In Scouting, he was the White House liaison for President Bush’s visit to the National Jambo and vice president of program of the Southeast Louisiana Council’s Executive Board, in New Orleans. He plans to become active in the Albuquerque, NM, Council.

Good Neighbor award was presented October 26 to Scout Troop 348 sponsored by the Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest Park, WA. The award honors the group’s achievements and its Eagle Scouts’ contributions to the community. It was the second annual presentation of the award. Right to left, Mayor David R. Hutchinson; SPL P. J. Husted; Scoutmaster Terry Jay Loeffelbeins; and Chairman of the Human Services Commission, Karen Sluiter.
Getting Ready for Scout Sunday........

Seattle Scouters Pushing Scout Sunday Services

An all-out effort to promote Scouting in religious organizations and Scout Sunday and Sabbath is underway in the Aurora District, Chief Seattle Council, Seattle, WA, led by The Rev. Dr. Robert “Bob” Nicholson, NAPS member and the District Chair.

“We are engaging in a strategy to have a personal visit paid to every pastor of every church that sponsors a Scout unit in our district which totals about half our units with this letter below, personally typed/addressed and tailored to that pastor and hand delivered by a Scouter who is a member of that pastor's denomination,” Nicholson said.

“Further, on October 28, we held a Council wide training event, attended by more than 300. These materials were used in three workshops: a) Scout's Own b) Relationships with Chartered Organizations and Their leaders and c) District leaders.” he added.

SAMPLE OF LETTER (This example is Lutheran)

Dear Pastor Martin,

Thank you for your sponsorship of Troop ____. In February, 2007 the Troop will be joining us in celebrating the 97th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America with a Scout Sunday. You might be interested to know that you are on an "honor roll" of eight Lutheran congregations in north Seattle, that also sponsor units, in support of Scouting in our Aurora District.

We have provided three resources for your consideration and use to lift up this important milestone. We share them with you now, as you make your plans for next year, with the build up to Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday, February 21st.

A Scout Sunday dimension of your Sunday worship offers a great opportunity for you
1) To build attendance by inviting the Scouts their leaders and families to worship,
2) To underscore the outreach and community service mission of your congregation's ministry, and
3) Through the BSA religious awards program, strengthen the faith and understanding of your individual scouts.

Please join us in celebrating this 97th anniversary. Keep your Troop, its Scouts, leaders and parents, in your thoughts and prayers as, together, we enter this season of rechartering your unit and engage in our Friends of Scouting campaign.

Yours in serving the youth of our community through Scouting,
//Signed by Scouter//

PS. I have attached an informative FACT SHEET "Chartered Organizations and the Boy Scouts of America" that I have found helpful as it describes what sponsorship means in the relationship of our congregation to our Scout Troop.

cc: Your Scoutmaster, Your Troop Committee Chair, Your Chartered Organization Representative and Your BSA Unit commissioner

COPY FOR HANDOUT

For Our Units, their Leaders, Unit Committees and their Chartered Sponsoring Organizations (To be shared in Aurora District's November, 2006, Round Tables and District Committee Meeting)

THREE RESOURCES
As Scout Sunday 2007 approaches, celebrating the 97th Anniversary of the BSA, here are a three resources to consider for use in a worship service and newsletter. They are (A) a litany and (B) a hymn (C) a sample news article that can be adapted for your use.

(A) A Litany of Thanksgiving For Our Scouting Units on the 97th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America
L: Let us pause to give thanks to God for life and land, for mountains and plains, for fields and forests, for family and friends, for teaching and learning
(R)esponse: WE THANK YOU, O GOD
L: For the privilege of living in these days, for opportunities to better understand ourselves, our world and to serve neighbors in need (R)
L: For the youth of our land and all lands who seek to grow into the full potential given by their Creator (R)
L: For the ties that draw youth throughout the world together in international friendships and understanding through Scouting (R)
L: For devoted men and women in our church and community who faithfully give of themselves in our Scouting programs (R)
L: For lessons learned and fun shared at Camps Brinkley, Parsons, Pigott and Shepherd (R)
L: For our churches, schools, groups of parents and community service organizations, that sponsor and stand ready with facilities and leaders that makes Scouting possible (R)
L: For our churches' wider concern in work and witness through helping and healing here in the Puget Sound and in all parts of the world
(R)esponse: WE THANK YOU, O GOD. AMEN

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In February 2007, youth and adult members of the world Scouting community will celebrate our 100th anniversary. Here in the USA, our Boy Scouts of America will celebrate our 97th anniversary. Scouting is the largest voluntary youth movement in the world and one of America's greatest youth development and service organizations.

For more than nine decades, the BSA has remained committed to preparing young people to make ethical choices by instilling in them the timeless values of the Scout Oath and Law.

"The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America—to help America's youth reach their full potential—has not changed in our 95 years," said Chief Scout Executive Roy L. Williams.

"That stability and clarity of mission is one reason Scouting is as successful as it is today. Scouting focuses on mentoring youth, building their character, supporting their faith traditions, and helping them establish patterns for lifelong learning, healthy living, and serving others. These attributes have never been more important than they are today."

Lord Robert S. S. Baden-Powell founded the Boy Scouts on August 1, 1907, 100 years ago, when he assembled 21 boys at the world’s first Boy Scout camp at Brownsea Island in England.

Two years later, William Boyce, a Chicago publisher traveling in London, became lost in a fog. A young boy helped him find his way. When Boyce thanked the boy for his aid and offered him a tip, the boy explained, declining the tip, that it was his duty as a Scout to help others. Impressed with the boy’s actions, Boyce met with Baden-Powell and laid the groundwork to bring Scouting to the United States.

With the help of Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and James E. West, the Boy Scouts of America was established on February 8, 1910.

Today, the BSA serves serves nearly 4.5 million young people between 7 and 20 years of age with more than 1.2 million adult volunteers through 300 councils throughout the United States and its territories.

Here in the Chief Seattle Council there are 47,491 youth being served in 1,210 units with a total volunteer leader corps of 8,761 adults. The Council serves the counties of King, Kitsap, Clallam and Whatcom.

For more information on the BSA, please visit our council's web site <www.seattlebsa.org> or the national BSA web site <www.scouting.org”> For additional Scout Sunday items, these two other web sites may be helpful www.usscouts.org/usscouts/reverent.asp” and www.macscouter.com/ScoutsOwn/.
GET READY NOW FOR SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday is Sunday, February 11, in 2007.

Are you ready for it? If not, time’s a wasting!

Make sure that it you’ve coordinated with the minister(s) and that it is on the Church calendar---as well as your Scouting units’ calendars.

Here’s a check list of things to do:

First - Put the date on the calendars. Then,

2. Coordinate with the ministers on:
   Will you have a guest speaker?
   How can your Scouts and Adult leaders participate in the service?
   - Lead prayer.
   - Read Scripture.
   - Lead responsive reading.
   - Usher and/or take offering.
   - Greeters
   - Present Religious Emblem awards. (Adult, Youth)
   - Give a “Minute for Mission”.
   - Recognize Scouts and Leaders and Parents and Friends attending.
   - Recognize all in congregation who have been involved in Scouting as youth or adults.
   - Take part in processional with Troop Colors.

3. Prepare article for Church newspaper or letter (check to make sure you make the deadline!) and information for the Church web page.

4. Make sure Church secretary has names of those participating in the service for the bulletin.
   - Send letter signed by adult leader and minister to all Scouting parents inviting them to the service.
   - Obtain Scout Sunday bulletin inserts and/or covers for bulletins.
   - If using an insert in the regular bulletin, print information about Scouting on the reverse:
     - Unit(s) history, accomplishments; roster of units and leaders; information sketch about those receiving awards during service; etc.
   - The meeting before, hold a dress rehearsal for those participating in the service.
   - Youth and adults to wear uniforms.
   - Have Scouts arrive early and hold uniform inspection.
   - Have Scout parent ribbons for Mom and Dad. If your units have “mother ribbons” on which they display the metal badges of rank of their Scouts, ask them to wear them. Otherwise, have some sort of ribbon, nametag, etc., to identify them as Scouting parents.
   - Host reception with light refreshments after Service, include exhibits about units and Scouting values. Involve parents in helping plan and conduct.
   - During service, remember to invite youth and parents who are not part of Scouting to join your unit(s).

Need resources?

A. Check other suggested services at NAPS’ webpage, www.presbyterianscouters.org.
B. At the National BSA site, www.scouting.org, go to “site map,” and pick “Relationships Division, and then “Scout Sunday Observances,” then check out “Duty to God,” and “Values,” and other areas of “Relationships Division.” Fact sheet: “Scouting for Presbyterian Youth,” Order No. 02-966A. Presbyterians and Scouting-Building Values Together”, Order No. 5-975, National Council, BSA, tri-fold brochure.
C. A Scout’s Duty to God and Country, by Michael F. Bowman and James Bryant, online at www.ussscouts.org/scoutduty/index.html.
D. Prayers and Graces, online at www.ussscouts.org/reverant/prayers.html.
E. “Go to the BSA on-line catalog at www.scoutstuff.org and check out literature, posters, etc.

Videos: All from National.
   a. “Presbyterians and Scouting – Building Values Together.”
   b. “Bring Youth to Christ”
   c. “Building Effective Values”
d. “Promoting Duty to God.”
Scoutmaster Bill Montgomery orients Troop 166 Scouts before a recent canoe trek.

Troop, Scoutmaster Feted on Key Anniversaries

November 25 will be a red-letter day for Troop 166 and its Scoutmaster, Bill Montgomery, as they are feted on their 50th and 45th anniversaries respectively.

Alumni, friends and the Church Community have been invited to the fete at Wedgwood Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA, the chartered organization.

It will be the 50th continuous year for the Scout Troop, explained Rev. Melody Young, the pastor, and the 45th year year for Montgomery’s service as its Scoutmaster.

“Bill has been our Scoutmaster since 1961. At last count he had produced 83 Eagle Scouts in his 45 years, reports Bill Prickard, a fellow Scouter. “We currently have 44 registered boys, 6 Assistant Scoutmasters, and a Troop Committee of 17 adults, plus of course, our Scoutmaster, Bill.”

“As a mother of one of last year's Eagle Scouts from Troop 166, I can tell you that I appreciate Bill Montgomery, our Scoutmaster, on many levels,” writes Patricia Goude, reunion chair, and mother of Eagle Brian Cohn.

“His dedication to the boys has been tireless over the years that I have seen. This is a troop that offers monthly overnight outings throughout the year in our famously soggy climate and Mr. Montgomery is there on every trip.”

“Mr. Montgomery works at Camp Parsons every summer, running the rifle range. Mr. Montgomery suffers no fools and has high expectations of the boys in his charge. They generally rise to this challenge and benefit by the demands placed on them. They are able skiers, canoeists, hikers and outdoorsmen as a result of their Scouting experience,” she added.

“All of us in the District salute the Scouts, Scouters, parents and Wedgewood Presbyterian Church for this milestone, and express our deepest gratitude for the leadership of Bill Montgomery,” lauded The Rev. Dr. Bill Nicholson, chairman of the Autora District, Chief Seattle Council.

Webster New NAPS Veep

(Cont’d from page 1) Thanks to all who came to Philmont and spoke and shared some great ideas with us.

We are now starting to plan our 2007 Conference, as plans are solidified we will keep you informed. Please plan to attend along with other representatives of your Church.

I am also pleased to report the Reverend Dr. J. Shannon Webster has accepted an appointment as Vice-President of NAPS.

Shannon is the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca in southern New Mexico. More about Shannon will be in the next newsletter.

As you are aware, NAPS has just concluded an election to revise our By-Laws and elect Regional Directors. I am pleased to report the By-Law Revisions passed.

Congratulations to our newly elected Regional Directors.
I am looking forward to working with you.

We discovered there were some oversights in our revised By-Laws which are now being studied and in the near future you will be informed of the changes and will be given an opportunity to vote on them.

For the future in February 2007 NAPS, along with BSA, will be attending and staffing a booth at the APCE (Association of Christian Educators) Conference in Philadelphia. Gene Foley will represent NAPS.

Yours in Scouting,

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thousands upon thousands of Sudane se and Ugandan children orphaned by war and disease.

"I looked at this documentary and said, 'Oh my God,'" Cummins explained. He said he was blown away by the level of suffering in Uganda - a crisis that reaches back to the strongman dictator Idi Amin, up to the present day when insurrectionist rebels continue to terrorize rural villages through intimidation, torture and murder.

What also hit Cummins, he said, was the impossible strength and resilience of the culture in the face of such relentless bloodshed and terror, he said, the Ugandan people still find reason to hope and the courage to keep on.

At first, Cummins said, he sort of "pooh-poohed" the documentary, an attitude that he feels is typical of Westerners bombarded with bad news coupled with pleas to contribute - usually with their pocketbooks - to the cause of the day.

He said his niece finally convinced him to watch "Invisible Children" by way of the old but very valid argument: "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." And once he committed to watching the video, Cummins said he was swept up both by the sheer vitality of the filmmakers as well as the dire situation they document.
Part of his mission now, he says, is to break through people's apathy and convince them to just watch the documentary. That, Cummins said, is the first step.
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!

New One Year Members:
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Rodney J. Keitt, PO Box 18825, Philadelphia, PA 19119
New Five Year Member: James R. Sisson, 1475 NW Forest Green Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330
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