

**MENNONITE MISSION HEALTH ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 29, 30, 2010**

I. Executive Meeting at Rae and Jerry's at 5:PM October 29

Chair Ferd Pauls; also present David Wiebe, Glyn Allen, Glen Miller and Helmut Huebert

Invited guest - Tim Lind

Mentioned the bios of new board members: Grace Klassen, Henry Tessmann and Merrill Pauls

See minutes provided by Ferd Pauls for details

II. Board Meeting of MMHA Friday evening, October 29 7:30 PM

Note from Ferd Pauls (see Item A1)

Chair David Wiebe

Present: Ferd Pauls, Glen Miller, Doug Cressman, Glyn Allen, John Martens, Tom Klein, Grace Klassen, Frank Duerksen, Helmut Huebert, Merrill Pauls, present Friday and Saturday via Skype Murray Nickel, he functions as MMHA board member; he is a consultant to, not an appointee of MBMSI

Invited guest: Tim Lind

Regrets: Ray Harms-Wiebe (MBMSI representative), Pakisa Tshimika (MMHH representative), Bob Buhr, Henry Tessmann, Doug Snyder

1. Welcome

This is the tenth annual meeting of MMHA

2. Devotional period lead by Rev Neil Block, associate pastor at PAC

Luke 4:14-21, words of encouragement and inspiration

3. Welcomed new board members present, Grace Klassen and Merrill Pauls (later officially elected to the board)

Henry Tessmann is on the board but was unable to attend because of commitment at Concordia Hospital, where he is the CEO

4. Recognition of Peter Kroeker

Ferd Pauls - a tribute (see Item A)

Lucy Epp, daughter; she is completing Peter Kroeker's memoirs, and plans to publish them

Peter Nels Kroeker, son, now continuing the various programs in which Peter was involved. Giving was a great part of Peter's life

Alvina Block, wife - wants to believe that Peter knows that he is being honored

5. Tim Lind shares the MCC direction in Congo with his wife Suzanne

Tim made an interesting presentation about Congo and its development (see Item B)

6. **M/S/C that the minutes of 30. 31 October 2009 board meeting be accepted with one alteration:** Page 2, Item III, 3a, the financial statement was prepared, but had not been audited

M/S/C that Nick A Hildebrand continue as auditor for this coming year

7. Business arising - will be covered in various presentations

8. Agenda Accepted as presented

9. **M/S/C that Grace Klassen be accepted as a member of the MMHA board M/S/C That Merrill Pauls be accepted as a member of the MMHA board**

10. India Projects

a. Mahabubnagar Junior College

M/S/C that a Dr Peter Kroeker Memorial Scholarship be established at the School

- b. b. Medical Students
 - Rick Hamm Memorial Scholarship for a medical student
 - One other medical student scholarship
- c. c. Seminary Public Health Teacher
 - Going well
 - Academic centre has been approved and is going ahead
- d. Jadcherla Medical Centre
 - We have not been interested in supporting a medical college.
 - They have run out of money, construction is not completed
 - The hospital itself is barely functioning, with about 30 beds
- e. Scholarships for a Registered Nurses course could be a good option

M/S/C that we support one Registered Nurse student through India Projects (about \$1.800-\$2,000)

M/S/C that we appoint one specific person to supervise the various India projects, particularly the financial aspects. Some of the specific terms of reference still need to be clarified

Menno Joel is now fulfilling this purpose. He is supported by the Kroeker Foundation

III. Board Meeting October 30, 9:00 AM

Chair Helmut Huebert

- 1. Opening Prayer - Helmut Huebert
- 2. President's Report - Ferd Pauls (see Item C)

M/S/C that the President's Report be accepted and approved

- 3. Financial Report - Glyn Allen

M/S/C that we accept the Canadian and Combined Can/US financial statements as presented and accepted by the Finance Committee (Items D1, D2, D3, D4)

- 4. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive - Ferd Pauls
 - "Preferred Future" will be discussed later, using the presentation of Murray Nickel
 - b. Communications Committee - Glen Miller (see Item E)
 - Continue to keep the Website up-to-date
 - Published a separate issue to honor Peter Kroeker (see Item F)

M/S/C that the report be accepted

Considerable discussion about whether we should continue to publish a paper copy, or whether it should only be electronic

M/S/C that for the time being we continue to publish a paper newsletter

- 5. MMHA Relationships
 - For some of this discussion Pakisa Tshimika was also on Skype
 - a. Maputo - Ferd Pauls (see Item G1, G2)
 - Work of Brethren in Christ in Mozambique
 - Will explore and communicate with the board what the potential could be
 - b. AMMC - John Martens
 - There have been meetings with the Congolese physicians

North American physicians have been in contact with African doctors
There now needs to be some initiative on the part of the Congolese physicians
Need to report back to the board re the possibility of “tele-health” type of conferencing

M/S/C that John Martens explore the possibility of video-conferencing – including costs and actual value to the physicians in DRC

- c. Mtshabezi
At this stage we need to discuss further whether we should continue as partner
 - d. EMMC, Alto Refugio - Frank Duerksen
Continues to be a good program, growing very fast.. House has been donated to them. They certainly can use additional money. They are on our budget, but actually get very little, unless it is specifically designated
 - e. Internship program at Tshikadji - no candidate at present
Internship, as a general principle, is useful to give applicants more clinical experience
 - f. Bon Berger clinic - we are currently in association, and trying to help them meet their objectives. Possible contribution \$20,000
6. Report of Pakisa K Tshimika (see Item H)
In this discussion and elsewhere the question of Health Zones came up
We are currently involved in two health zones, and would consider increasing that to four
For now we will budget for three. Need to correlate this with MCC and MBMSI

IV. Board Meeting October 30, 1:00 PM

Chair Glyn Allen

1. Discussion of name
Strong support for the name International Mennonite Health Association (IMHA)
It is felt that our board is already international in scope (US and Canada), and we are likely to become even more international

M/S/C that MMHA be renamed International Mennonite Health Association (IMHA) to reflect the international scope of the organization

Ferd will explore and report costs of this change in name (possibly about \$500)

2. Mission Statement
Suggestion that it be shortened and made more accurate

M/S/C that the Mission Statement be: Serving God by providing resources and services to Mennonite and Brethren in Christ health care programs in developing countries

3. Role of Partners
Currently MBMSI and MMHH are partners, and are represented on our executive and board
Executive consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Communications Committee, a member at large, and representatives of our partners
Geographic representation was also discussed

M/S/C that care shall be taken to ensure that there is appropriate geographic balance in the appointment of executive membership

Question of definition of “partner” was raised
Wondered whether relationship with MCC could be considered one of partnership

4. Administrative Report - Ferd Pauls (see Item I)
5. Budget 2010 - Glyn Allen
 - India: Public Health (\$6,000), Nurse training (\$2,400), Med Students (\$5,000) Rick Hamm Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500), Public Health Teacher (\$2,000) Total \$17,900
 - Congo: Health Zones 3 (\$75,000), Resident Training (\$5,000), AMMC \$(5,000) Bon Berger (\$20,000) Total \$105,000
 - Zimbabwe - \$10,000
 - Paraguay - \$5,000
 - Administration - \$6,000
 - Total - \$143,900

M/S/C that we accept the budget of \$143,900 as proposed

6. "What is our Preferred Future" (see Item J, which will probably be mailed to board members)
7. Presentation by Murray Nickel
 - Ferd led a far ranging discussion of MMHA that tended to centre around how we see the organization developing during the next five years. Many of the items had already been discussed in various parts of the agenda
8. Executive for the time being, but to be discussed at the next board meeting
 - Ferd Pauls - president
 - David Wiebe - vice-president
 - Glyn Allen - treasurer
 - Helmut Huebert - secretary He announced his intention to retire as secretary as of December 31, 2010
 - Glen Miller - chair of Communications Committee
 - Member at Large
 - Representatives of our two partners, MBMSI and MMHH

M/S/C that the current executive continue at least until the next board meeting

7. Next meeting:

M/S/C that board meetings be held every six (6) months

The next board meeting will therefore likely be in April 2011, specific date at the call of the chair, the following one probably October 2011

M/S/C that subsequent meetings of the board will use video/Skype technology so that board members will not have to travel long distances

This will, of course cut down the cost of having board meetings

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM. Closing Prayer
9. Ferd Pauls thanked for the effort, time and energy that had been put into the meetings.
 - Ruth Pauls was thanked for her work, especially regarding the food
 - Ferd Pauls was also thanked for his effort, time and almost endless energy that he had expended for the work of MMHA

10. Official meeting of the US members of the board accepted the recommendations of the MMHA board as presented and passed at this meeting

11. Official meeting of the Canadian members of the board accepted the recommendations of the MMHA board as presented and passed at this meeting

12. Board Members and spouses had a delicious dinner at Gasthaus Gutenberger at 6:00 PM