

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Council of Administration**

Faith E, Billings, MT - March 5, 2013

**Present:** Steve Strutz, Supr., Jay Forseth, Chairman, Michael Stambaugh, Brent Nymeyer, Sam Summers, Steve Hamilton, Jack Runner, Brian Hopkins, Paul Hansen, Cory Engel, Bob Strutz, Don Smith, Glenn Ewert, George Burgin, Marc Johnson, Ben Gonzales (for Erin Youngs), Theo Gonzales, Bob Conover, Jay Ashbaucher, Dale Erbele (conference call) and Robert Canen, Secretary (conference call)

Jay Forseth gave an opening devotional.

Historian's Report was presented by Bob Strutz and it was M/S/C that it be received.

Church Planting Report was presented by Brian Hopkins. It was M/S/C that it be received. Brian mentioned the plants going on currently in Wheatland and also in Butte. Prayer was offered for both.

Church Health Report was presented by Cory Engel and it was M/S/C that it be received. Cory presented Auxano which Harvest and Big Timber went through as a tool for church health and vision clarifying. He encouraged other churches to consider using this tool. Cory presented the idea of an interim pastor program to help churches in transition. Allen Solheim will fulfill this role with the Circle church. He will receive training.

Outreach Report was presented by George Burgin. George reported that his Board had not recently met and therefore did not have a written report.

Prayer Report was presented by Bob Strutz as Rod Griffin was out of town. It was M/S/C that it be received. The Prayer Summit was emphasized.

Women's Ministries Report was presented by Theo Gonzales and it was M/S/C that it be received.

Superintendent Relations Report was presented by Jay Forseth and it was M/S/C that it be received. The Conference Council was asked to consider the current paradigm and vote on whether we want a full-time Superintendent or a part-time Superintendent. Seventeen said keep the current paradigm, three said go full-time.

Trustees Report was presented by Bob Conover and it was M/S/C that it be received. Bob explained the process of Mt. Carmel Camp becoming their own entity.

Stewardship & Finance Report was presented by Jack Runner and it was M/S/C that it be received.

Discipleship Board Report was presented by Steve Hamilton. It was M/S/C that it be received.

Mission's Board Report was presented by Paul Hansen. Paul passed out material from "Sixteen: Fifteen" a missions organization that can help churches have Missions as a part of their culture. It was M/S/C that the report be received.

Pastoral Health Board was presented by Benjamin Gonzales. There has been much activity in this area and it is much appreciated. It was M/S/C to receive this report.

Board of Ministry was presented by Sam Summers. It was M/S/C to receive this report.

Board of Student Ministry Report was presented by Michel Stambaugh. A new addition to the fun trailer is coming. It was M/S/C that the report be received.

Annual Conference 2013 - Cheyenne, WY will host conference in November.

A lively discussion was held on the purpose, plan, value, and programming, etc. of Annual Conference. This discussion will continue, as we are truly wanting it to not only handle the ministry business of the Conference, but be inspirational as well. Also, the whole structure of our current Board and Committees was looked at as well. We want to be as functionally fruitful as possible.

It was also discussed that we must take our technological game to the next level so that people can join us from around the nation in our meetings. Benjamin Gonzales has a connection with the medical world that has some excellent technology, and he will check into that option. Steve Strutz will talk with Matt Jones and also Harvest about other options to upgrade in this area.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Robert Canen**  
Conference Secretary