

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Internet Conference Meeting
January 13, 2020

40. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Everts called to order an internet conference meeting of the board with all members present except for Chairman Michael Kumm and First Vice-President Peter Lange. Also in attendance was Chief Administrative Officer Frank Simek. Chairman *pro tempore* Everts, after calling upon Secretary Sias to open with a word of prayer, introduced the meeting's one agenda item:

41. Vacancy Appointment: LCMS Board of Directors, Layperson, Great Lakes Region

At its meeting of November 21, 2019, the board appointed Mr. Thomas Nelson of Belvedere, Ill., to the LCMS Board of Directors layperson vacancy (Great Lakes Region, 2016–2022 term) that had been created by the resignation of Mr. James W. Carter. Mr. Nelson subsequently contacted the Secretary of the Synod to indicate that, due to increased personal responsibilities of late, he had to decline the appointment.

Chairman Kumm, noting the board's intent to fill this vacancy in time for the new board member to be in place and oriented prior to the board's February meeting, asked the Personnel Committee to present a recommendation for action to an electronic meeting of the board.

Personnel Committee Chairman Larry Harrington presented that recommendation, namely, that Mr. Thomas G. Gregar of Tomah, Wisc., one of the consenting nominees, be placed on the slate of candidates and commended for election. The addition of Mr. Gregar to the slate having been moved by the committee and having carried, the amended slate of candidates, as follows, was presented for an electronic vote:

* Ducharme, Willard C. — Huntington Woods, Mich. (MI) ** <u>Gregar, Thomas G. — Tomah, Wisc. (SW)</u> *Gust, Dale D. — Mt. Pleasant, Mich. (MI) Stathakis, Rick H. — Shelby Twp., Mich. (MI) Winter, Dennis D. — Hubbard, Iowa (IE) * <i>from the 2016 Convention Slate of Candidates</i> ** <i>added by the board pursuant to Bylaw 3.2.5 (d) from the list of consenting nominees</i>

In one electronic ballot, the board elected:

Mr. Thomas G. Gregar — Tomah, Wisc. (SW)

The Secretary was directed, in accordance with policies, to notify the appointee and to thank the others who allowed their names to stand in the nomination process.

With the only item of business on the agenda concluded, the Rev. Josemon Hoem offered prayer and Chairman *pro tempore* Everts adjourned the meeting.

John W. Sias, *Secretary*