

**WordAlone Network  
Minutes  
Fourth Annual Convention, April 25-26, 2003  
Roseville, MN**

**First Plenary Session**

Barry Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Mark Hilmer served as parliamentarian.

Gracia Grindal served as recording secretary for the first session

**Credentials** Tony Stoutenburg, chairman of the Credentials Committee, announced that there were 321 registered delegates in attendance.

**M/S/A** To accept the report of the Credentials Committee.

**Rules**

**M/S/A** To approve the Standing Rules of the convention.

**Agenda**

**M/S/A** To approve the agenda.

**President's Report** Jaynan Clark Egland gave her report as President and CEO of the WordAlone Board.

**Nominating Committee** The following were announced as nominations for membership on the WordAlone Board:

- Douglas Bahr—New Braunfels, TX
- Mark Daniels—Amelia, OH
- Diane Eaton—Deephaven, MN
- Jaynan Egland—Spokane, WA
- John Fahnestock, Clarence Center, NY
- Randy Freund—Hutchinson, MN

The nomination process was opened and time was given for the convention to think of possible additional nominations.

**Treasurer's Report** John Beem, WordAlone Treasurer, presented his report. He noted that although our receipts are down, we ended the year in the black and are doing better, percentage wise, than most typical 501(c)(3) organizations.

Barry Anderson gave a short report on LCMC and its fourth convention.

The chair opened the floor for nominations to the WordAlone Board. No additional nominations were made. The nominations were closed and the slate accepted.

The chair noted the presence of Arland Stangeland, former representative to Congress from northwestern Minnesota.

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**Second Plenary Session**

**Credentials** One more person registered bring the total to 322.

**Elections** Ballots were distributed and members voted on WordAlone Board candidates.

There were 234 ballots with the following results:

- Douglas Bahr 164
- Mark Daniels 45
- Diane Eaton 135
- Jaynan Eglan 205
- John Fahnestock 107
- Randy Freund 134
- Kim Wiest 130

It was announced that Jaynan Eglan, Douglas Bahr, Diane Eaton, and Randy Freund were duly elected as member of the board.

Al Quie spoke about each of the current board members who are now retiring: Roger Eigenfeld, Barry Anderson, and Bill Walles. He then welcomed the new board members and recognized all board members. The convention thanked all of the board members.

**Bylaw** Barry Anderson explained the following board recommended amendment  
**Amendment** to the bylaws:

Section 5.1 General. The officers of this Corporation shall be a president, a board chair, a vice chair, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors; to serve for terms of one year and until their respective successors are chosen and have qualified. Directors may elect to fill the office of president with a person who is not a director elected pursuant to Section 4.2 of these bylaws. In such a case, the president shall be an ex-officio member of the board with voice, but not vote. Any officer may at any time be removed by the Board of Directors with or without cause. The same person may hold more than one office at the same time, except the offices of president and chair secretary. ~~All officers must be directors of this Corporation.~~

**M/S/A** That the amendment be approved.

**Third Plenary Session**

There was no business conducted at this session as there was no need for a second ballot for board members.

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Bohdan Hobran Director of the Bible School in Martin Slovakia and currently a student at Luther Seminary, spoke to the convention about the Lutheran Church in his country and the need for a dormitory building at the Lutheran Bible School in Martin.

Pastor Antti Lepisto, President of the Finnish (Suomi) Special Interest Conference of the ELCA, spoke to the convention about the work that is being done to increase and rebuild Ingrian congregations in Karelia, inside Russia.

**Fourth Plenary Session**

Bill Zimdars, a WordAlone Regional Coordinator, addressed the convention on his vision of the ELCA. He spoke about areas of renewal needed in the ELCA and how WordAlone has and is addressing these areas.

**M/S/A** That the staff at Roseville Lutheran Church be commended and thanked for hosting the convention.

The following resolution was introduced:

Whereas, The WordAlone Network was constituted as a grassroots organization, and  
Whereas, It is presumed that any changes in direction or emphasis of the WordAlone Network should be considered and approved by the membership, and  
Whereas, Change is a constant and expected in a dynamic movement in order to maintain the health and vitality of our movement.

Therefore Be It Resolved, That board minutes include the essence of all discussion regarding board decisions be readily available and distributed to the membership in a timely fashion.

**M/S/A** A motion to amend the main motion by striking the words, “include the essence of all discussion regarding board decisions” was introduced.

**M/S/A** That the resolution, as amended, be adopted.

**M/S/A** The current Nominating Committee, consisting of Linda Danielson, Bill Drew, Mark Granquist, Chuck DeHaven, and Gerald Miller be approved to continue for next year.

**M/S/A** That the convention be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Knutson  
Recording Secretary