



UNITED STATES CATHOLIC MISSION ASSOCIATION

2017 Membership Meeting
August 28 - September 29, 2017
Minutes

1. Notification: A notification that USCMA's 2017 Membership Meeting - its third in the online format - was sent to all members on August 15, 2017 via email and United States Postal Service. The first round of materials was put on the USCMA website on August 28th. The deadline for agenda items and proposed resolutions was September 8th. Two webinars were offered; one on September 19 at 2 pm ET and one on September 21 at 7 pm ET. Voting and polling was done through email on September 25th concluding Sept 29th.

2. The meeting materials - posted on the USCMA Website - consisted of the following items:

- 2.1 2017 Membership Meeting Report
- 2.2 Associate Membership Proposal
- 2.3 FY 2016 Financial Audit
- 2.4 FY 2016 Form 990 Pro Forma
- 2.5 Mission Cohorts
- 2.6 The Roles in Mission
- 2.7 USCMA Strategic Plan
- 2.8 USCMA 2017 Membership Directory
- 2.9 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes
- 2.10 Pope Francis Mission Award Nomination Form

3. The meeting webinars began with a review of the highlights for the year and a focus on the key issues facing the association. The highlights, and the issues, were drawn from the 2017 Membership Meeting Report. Any board candidate in attendance at the webinar was given the opportunity to speak. Members were oriented on how to use the open microphone and how to raise issues in the chat feature. Attendance at the webinars - September 19th had 16 participants, September 21st had 14 participants.

4. Meeting Results

No agenda items were submitted. No resolutions offered. 65 members voted.

USCMA proposed a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors: Ms. Megan Mio, Fr. John Markey, O.P., and Sr. Eleanor Ortega, CSJ. The slate was affirmed by 95% (62/65) members. The members also affirmed the 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes by 98% (64/1). On the issues, the membership affirmed the following:

1. Webinars. The members affirmed it was good to offer webinars - 67% completely agree, 28% somewhat agree for a combined affirmation of 95%. Comments: The suggestions for webinars include how do mission promotion, mission in the parish, mission education (2), mission in the city, mission and contemplation (2), mission spirituality, missiology, missionaries within the US Context, how to launch a short-term mission trip (3), legal issues of sending money overseas, and missionary disciples at work. One person likes having paper copies available of the materials generated. Another person cautioned about a full calendar of webinars; fewer done better. One person was not sure what a webinar is.

2. V Encuentro. The members affirmed it was important for USCMA to have a delegation attend the national Encuentro (September 20-23, 2018 in Grapevine, Texas) - 49% completely agree, 40 % somewhat agree for a combined affirmation of 89%.

3. Membership Meeting. The members affirmed the webinar was a good way for USCMA to conduct its Membership Meeting online - 52% completely agree, 32% somewhat agree for a combined affirmation of 85%.

4. Role in Mission. The members affirmed that USCMA should connect members with each other based on their role in mission - 48% completely agree, 37% somewhat agree for a combined affirmation of 85%.

5. Associate Membership. The members affirmed that the associate membership program was a good way to build a national network of individuals dedicated to mission - 48% completely agree, 35% somewhat agree for a combined affirmation of 83%.

6. CAM V. The members affirmed that it was important for USCMA to form a delegation for CAM V (July 10-14, 2018 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia) - 45% completely agree, 36% somewhat agree for a combined affirmation of 81%.

7. Mission Cohorts. The members affirmed that the concept of mission cohorts will improve USCMA's membership recruitment - 32% completely agree, 38% somewhat agree for a combined affirmation of 70%. Comments: Scholars, youth, young adults, missionaries in the US from other countries, campus ministry, Hispanic and Asian peoples, and university faculty were some additional cohorts identified. Some are still trying to understand the concept of cohorts, others want to ponder it more, still others would like to see a multi-pronged effort to engage a wide range of cohorts.

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