

Lutheran Camp Association Annual Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2024

Indiana Beverage 2850 Barley Rd., Valparaiso, IN 46383

Mission Statement: Camp Arcadia provides a Christ-filled setting for families, individuals and staff to connect with Christ and others amid the beauty of God’s creation. Through vacation and retreat experiences at Camp, we are renewed in spirit, mind and body and are inspired to share the love of Christ in our lives, families, and communities.

- Board Members present: Paul Culler (President), Ali Franke (Vice President), Kim Eveler (Treasurer), Kristin Armstrong (Secretary), John Basler (via Zoom), Nancy Berg, Jackie Bywater Nissa Ricafort, Adam Theis, Carol Weber, Dan Zehnder
- Staff members present: Chip May (Executive Director) Rachel Cantonese (Registrar and Business Director)
- In person + via Zoom: Members of the Lutheran Camp Association

	Topic/Presenter	Board Comments and Sharing	Follow-Up/Assignments/Motions
1	Welcome, Introductions and LCA Board Chair-Paul Culler	Paul called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM CST. Paul welcomed those who are present in person and on Zoom. He thanked John Leetz and Indiana Beverage for hosting the annual meeting. Paul asked for two tellers to count votes. Paul introduced Pastor Brad Hubbard.	
2.	Opening Devotion and Prayer and Crown of Glory Pastor Brad Hubbard	<p>Pastor Brad opened the meeting in prayer and a devotion based on Romans 1: 16.</p> <p>Chip May read the Crown of Glory for LCA Members who passed away in 2024: .</p> <p>Diane Ferber Schwartz</p> <p>Thomas Murray</p> <p>Walt Schoedel</p> <p>Michael Kurtz</p> <p>Jerry Ebest</p> <p>Janet Guetzkow</p> <p>Lynette Ernst</p> <p>Don Lohrentz</p>	

		<p>Bobbie Counsell</p> <p>Bill Haynes</p> <p>Ted Beiderwieden</p> <p>Russ Gottschalk</p> <p>Steve Kiefer</p> <p>Janine McKenna</p> <p>Krista Parker</p> <p>Coco Marasus</p> <p>Marilyn Keil</p> <p>Elaine Zielke</p>	
3.	Introduction of Board Members-Paul Culler	Paul introduced the LCA board members.	
4	Affirmation of Quorum, LCA Board Secretary-Kristin Jass Armstrong	<p>Kristin affirmed the quorum.</p> <p>Total membership of the LCA stands at 980. The number needed for the quorum is 245 members. Online and in person votes total is as follows 283 ONLINE votes + 67 IN PERSON votes equals = 350 total votes. A 2/3rds majority would equal 233 votes.</p>	
5	Approval of Agenda Kristin Jass Armstrong	Kristin asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<u>MSC 2024-023</u> Motion: To approve the agenda
6	Approval of Motion 1 LCA Annual Meeting Minutes 2022 and 2023 Kristin Jass Armstrong	Kristin asked for a motion to approve the annual meeting minutes from both 2022 and 2023.	<u>MSC 2024-024</u> Motion: To approve the 2022 and 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
7	President's Report Paul Culler	Paul shared the President's Report for 2024.	

<p>8</p>	<p>New Business-Paul Culler</p> <p>A.Presentation of LCA Board and Arcadia Foundation Board Candidates Jackie Bywater-Nominations Committee Chair</p> <p>B. Presentation of Motion II (Spirit of Arcadia: Growing Together)-Paul Culler</p> <p>C. Call for floor votes and dismissal of tellers.</p>	<p>Paul introduced Jackie Spenner Bywater</p> <p>Jackie presented the slates for the LCA Board and Arcadia Foundation and called for the motion.</p> <p>Paul read Motion II and called for the vote.</p> <p>Whereas, the mission of the Lutheran Camp Association is to provide a Christ-filled setting for families, individuals and staff to connect with Christ and others amid the beauty of God’s creation. Through vacation and retreat experiences at Camp, we are renewed in spirit, mind, and body and are inspired to share the love of Christ in our lives, families, and communities, and</p> <p>Whereas, the Camp experience is a gift given to us more than a century ago by dedicated visionaries and is a gift we plan to both preserve and improve for the benefit of future generations, and</p> <p>Whereas, Camp continues to enjoy success and growth in its Christian faith-renewing and faith-building ministry through the guidance and blessings of our Almighty God, and</p> <p>Whereas, The LCA Board, staff, and community stakeholders have been involved in a strategic planning process during the past two years to identify future opportunities and challenges for Camp’s ministry, and</p> <p>Whereas, Camp has listened attentively to its members, guests, and volunteers through surveys, formal presentations, and informal conversations regarding the future needs and opportunities of Camp, and</p> <p>Whereas, Camp continuously serves thousands of guests each year, impacting more people – families, teens, elders, and adults – through the nurturing of their faith, and</p> <p>Whereas,</p>	<p><u>MSC 2024-025</u> Motion to approve the slate for the LCA Board and Arcadia Foundation.</p> <p><u>MSC 2024-026</u> Motion: To approve Motion II Spirit of Arcadia: Growing Together</p>
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9	<p>Reports</p> <p>a. Executive Director b. Treasurer c. Arcadia Foundation d. ACCA</p>	<p>Chip gave his Executive Director’s report.</p> <p>Kim Eveler gave the Treasurer’s report.</p> <p>Rick Blum gave the Arcadia Foundation via Zoom</p> <p>Carol Weber gave the ACCA Report</p>	
10	<p>Announcement of LCA Board and Foundation Board Elections and Motion II Kristin Jass Armstrong</p>	<p>Kristen Armstrong announced the results of the vote.</p> <p>The candidates have been approved for the LCA Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ali Franke ● Dan Garlock ● David Kruse <p>The candidates have been approved for the Arcadia Foundation Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ron Glusenkamp ● Kyle DeWees <p>Motion II passed. The motion needed 2/3rds or 66% of votes. or greater to pass.</p> <p>The total vote count: 270 yea, 76 nay, 4 abstain.</p>	<p><u>MSC 2024-027</u> Motion To destroy the ballots.</p>
11	<p>Membership Questions and Feedback</p>	<p>Paul asked for additional questions from the membership.</p>	
12	<p>Final Remarks – LCA Board President, Paul Culler</p>	<p>Paul recognized Chip May’s 25th year as Camp director and announced ‘The Maydae’, an ice cream sundae treat served with a chocolate chip cookie that will debut in the Trading Post summer of 2025 in honor of Chip’s 25 years of service.</p>	<p><u>MSC 2024-028</u> To Adjourn</p>

13	Adjournment – LCA Board President, Paul Culler	Pastor Brad prayed to close the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM CST.	
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