

**NCVR Board Meeting**  
**November 16, 2020**  
**1:00 am -3:00 pm (EST) Zoom call**

**Present:** Sister Maryann Seton Lopiccolo, SC (President)  
Sister Elizabeth Ann Vasquez, SSCJ (Vice-President)  
Sister Mariette Moan, ASCJ (Treasurer)  
Sister Gilmory Kay, RSM (Secretary)  
Sister Ann Strohming, OSF (Eastern Region)  
Sister Frances E. Moore, CDP (Midwestern Region)  
Sister Kathy Warren, OSF (Western)

Excused: Sister Mary Prinski, OP (Southern Region)

- 1) The meeting opened with a prayer led by Maryann
- 2) The Minutes of the June 30, 2020 Executive Board Meeting were approved and accepted.

**3) Checking in with each other: personally, regionally, by diocese**

**a) Eastern Region: Sister Ann**

The Vicars from the eastern region had their annual meeting via Zoom. Sister Sharon Holland presented. Ann shared that the Diocese of Wilmington is anticipating a new Bishop after the inauguration of President-elect Biden.

**b) Midwestern Region: Sister Fran**

Fran shared that many of the delegates are working with women interested in consecrated virginity. She noted that Dawn Hauseman, the Delegate from Lansing, sponsored a fruitful discernment day with about 80 participants. Father Timothy Gallagher led the day of prayer.

**c) Western Region: Sister Kathy**

Kathy thanked the members for their welcome to the Board. She reported that the Western Region had a Zoom call with 12 members. This was a wonderful initiative since it is often difficult for the vicars on the west coast to come together in person.

**d) Southern Region: Sister Mary**

Elizabeth reported that there was a September meeting of the southern region. They had many more participants than in the past. The southern region has decided that they will meet every quarter.

**4) Officers' Reports**

Maryann welcome Kathy Warren to the Board. She summarized her meetings on behalf of the Conference. She was present at the AHLMA planning meeting and AHLMA Conference call meeting. Maryann attended both the planning and the actual meeting of the Commission on Religious Life and Ministry. Maryann wrote a thank you letter to the Felician Sisters for their many years of hosting the NCVR at their convent in Chicago.

Maryann along with other members of the Board attended the virtual LCWR meeting in August.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Maryann and the officers offered an orientation to 16 new vicars. The conference is becoming more diverse with new vicars who are consecrated virgins or members of secular institutes.

Gilmary reported on the status of membership and on the directory. She will send the director to Nicole Mele to put on the website. Mariette reported on the closing of the previous webmaster service. She will also be updating the NCVR stationary and sending the Board the new stationery.

**5) National Assembly March 2021 virtual or in-person?**

The Board discussed the upcoming 2021 National Assembly and overwhelmingly approved conducting the Assembly via Zoom or some online conference platform. Maryann will contact the Jesuit center in Cleveland to cancel our March reservation.

The proposed dates for the Assembly are Monday March 15, 2021 and Tuesday, March 16, 2021. A brief discussion on the schedule for the assembly included starting later in the day to allow for greater participation of vicars in the Western Region. Our speakers from last year are available again this year. Maryann is working on a tentative schedule.

The Board discussed having regional meetings during the virtual assembly. Regional meetings would be an opportunity to discuss how regions could support or host ongoing education initiatives for the conference. Having more opportunities for ongoing education among the vicars both regionally and as a whole would enhance membership desirability. The members enjoy learning from each region's report and reflections. The Board supports having regional meetings during the assembly.

The Board supports hiring a professional IT technician to help plan and facilitate the assembly. This would free up members of the Board to participate and not be involved in IT troubleshooting. The Board discussed the opportunity a virtual assembly may provide for those who normally are not able to travel because of costs. The assembly would provide an opportunity for non-members to participate in open sessions and learn more about the advantages of membership in the conference.

To learn of the member's preferences and ideas for the assembly, the Board supports sending a Survey Monkey to the membership seeking their input. The results of the survey will be sent to Maryann for review.

**\*\*The Board will meet again to the discuss the 2021 Assembly on January 4, 2020 at 1:00 pm**

**6) Collaboration with other Conferences: LCWR, CMSM, RCRI**

Sister Carol Zinn, SSJ has asked the conference to participate in the LCWR Discernment Initiative. Sister Gilmary will send out a reminder email. Father Frank Donio and Maryann spoke of potential collaboration with the CMSM on projects. Sister Sharon Euart, RSM is interested in providing a webinar for the vicars concerning topics of interest like Cor Orans, and other canonical issues that affect our ministry. We should bring our questions to Sharon.

**7) Website update**

The website will be available will be rolled out on December 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sister Gilmary Kay, RSM

