

*2009 UMAC Annual Meeting
First Business Meeting 8 October 20, 2009*

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm by President Sandra Brands. The opening prayer was offered by Vice-President Victoria Rebeck.

Introduction of Host Agencies was made by Royya James. Representatives from the General Board of Discipleship and United Methodist Communications were recognized and greeted.

Introduction of current UMAC officers was made by President Sandra Brands. They are:

- President 8 Sandra Brands*
- Vice-president 8 Victoria Rebeck*
- Secretary 8 Arthur McClanahan*
- Treasurer 8 Mark Rehn*
- Board Members 8 Matt Brodie, Carolyn Dandridge, Andy James, Royya James and David Malloy (in absentia)*

Introduction of Jurisdictional Representatives was made by Secretary Arthur McClanahan. They are: Neill Calwell - SE; Kathryn Witte 8 SC; Paul Black 8 NC; Steve Hustedt 8 W; and Suzy Keenan, NE (in absentia)

Introduction of Committee Chairperson was made by Board member Eleanor Colvin. They are:

- Christian Communications Certification 8 Andrew Schleicher*
- Publicity 8 Mike DuBose*
- Helping Hands Scholarship 8 Carolyn Dandridge*
- Bylaws 8 Andy James*

Executive Committee Report was made by President Sandra Brands

- Be diligent in supporting each annual conference having a director of communications (2008 Discipline ¶608)*
- Financial accountability
 - Dennis Belton, from GCFA, will conduct an annual audit; Sandra, Victoria and Mark met with him on Oct 19, 2009*
 - Pre 2005 records do not exist due to effects of Hurricane Katrina**
- Recommendation on UMAC's non-profit status will be made at a subsequent business meeting*
- The loan from UMCom will be repaid at the rate of \$3500 per year for four years
 - Many costs, including some relating to blocks of rooms and catering fees made the 2008 event overly costly**
- The membership fee was set, for 2009, at a self-sustaining level*

Brick River's service capabilities were presented by Paul Schneider.

- *BR currently serves 32 annual conferences*
- *BR provides a web design and data base service solution*
- *BR has worked with annual conferences since 2002*
- *N Alabama weekly recording system was described*
- *S Georgia Charge Conference reports options were reviewed*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur McClanahan, Secretary