

# PSWD Board of Administration

# = second 3 year term, x = unexpired term ending



**Thanks to all for your gift of service to the district.  
Special thanks to those who have completed  
their term of service as listed by year below.**

## ***Policy Board:***

Chair: #2013 Don Fancher (La Verne)

Vice-Chair: 2013 Marye Martinez (Modesto)

Recording Secretary: Clerk: x2012 Laura Miller (Papago Buttes)

2011 Christopher Bache (La Verne) ..... Youth / Young Adult  
x2011 Mike Boeger (Live Oak) (*started May 16, 2011*)  
2011 Paige Butzlaff (La Verne) ..... Youth / Young Adult  
#2011 Thomas Dowdy (Imperial Heights)  
#2011 Nohemi Flores (Cristo Sion) ..... Youth / Young Adult  
2013 Lois Frantz (Empire)  
2012 John Gingrich (La Verne)  
2013 Reba Herder (La Verne) ..... Section Rep. S.CA-E  
2012 Mauricio Iacueli (Circle of Peace) ..... Section Rep. AZ  
2013 James Isaacs (Bakersfield)  
2011 John Jackson (Glendale) ..... Section Rep. S.CA-W  
2011 Norman Johnson (Waterford) ..... Section Rep. N.CA  
#2012 Janelle Keeling (Bakersfield)  
2011 Mike Martin (Glendora) (*through May 16, 2011*)  
2012 Karen Pierson (Living Savior) ..... Section Rep. Cen.CA  
2011 Elizabeth Rowan (Pasadena)  
2013 Sam Spire (Circle of Peace)  
x2011 Mike Wolfsen (La Verne)  
2012 Richard Zapata (Príncipe de Paz/Santa Ana)

### *Ex-Officio with vote*

Moderator: Karen Walters (Papago Buttes)

Moderator-Elect: Jack Storne (Live Oak)

Clerk: Laura Miller (Papago Buttes)

### *Ex-Officio without vote*

District Executive Minister: Don Booz

Treasurer: Larry Woodruff (La Verne)

Standing Committee Delegate: Lucile Leard (Glendale)

## ***Executive Board: (Chosen each year by the Policy Board)***

*Chair:* Don Fancher (La Verne)

*Vice-Chair:* Marye Martinez (Modesto)

*Ministry Chair:* John Jackson (Glendale)

*Stewards Chair:* Mike Martin (Glendora) (*through May 16, 2011*)

*Stewards Chair:* Mike Boeger (Live Oak) (*started May 16, 2011*)

*Moderator:* Karen Walters (Papago Buttes)

*Moderator-Elect:* Jack Storne (Live Oak)

*District Executive Minister (Ex-Officio without vote):* Don Booz

**Ministry Commission:** *(Members chosen each year by the Executive Board)*

Ministry Chair: John Jackson (Glendale)

Member: Bill Haldeman-Scarr (Pomona Fellowship)

Member: Janelle Keeling (Bakersfield)

Member: Karen Pierson (Living Savior)

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister; Moderator; Board Chair

**Stewards Commission:** *(Members chosen each year by the Executive Board)*

Stewards Chair: Mike Martin (Glendora) *(through May 16, 2011)*

Stewards Chair: Mike Boeger (Live Oak) *(started May 16, 2011)*

Member: John Gingrich (La Verne)

Member: Norman Johnson (Waterford)

Member: Elizabeth Rowan (Pasadena)

Member: Richard Zapata (Príncipe de Paz)

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister, Moderator, Board Chair, Treasurer

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## Board of Administration Report

The work of any board or committee has been compared to “washing your socks.” It’s bad if you don’t do it. But once you have done it, there is nothing to brag about. The Board has its share of “sock washing.”

But much of importance does get done. The following reports some of the items of importance.

The Board approved the creation of a Church Renewal and Revitalization Committee. The primary responsibilities of the committee are:

1. Actively evaluates congregations for renewal or revitalization;
2. Assesses church vitality and makes recommendations for future ministry;
3. Studies possibilities for areas within the Pacific Southwest District where a Church of the Brethren might be planted;
4. Develop policies for establishment and development of new fellowships / congregations in the District;
5. Provide coaching supervision, counsel and accountability to all new church starts;
6. Encourage congregations to consider house church and “preaching points” that reach out to their communities (missional) seeking to offer God’s love and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Board continued to struggle with the question of how best and most responsibly to make

use of the funds that have been entrusted to the District. Spend it on congregations now, or save it? This has been called the “elephant in the room” that everyone knows is there, but which everyone is a little reluctant to discuss. An effort was made to get the discussion on the table.

The Ministry Commission continues to work with persons who are exploring their calling to the ordained ministry. The Commission also oversees the training programs for licensed ministers, as well as support and training to ordained clergy.



August meeting of the Board of Administration

The Stewards Commission continues to wrestle with oversight of the financial affairs of the District. During the year, the chair of the commission, Mike Martin, found it necessary to resign. Mike Boeger was called to fill this

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position. The Commission members and others were called together as a financial planning task group. The report from that group is found elsewhere in this booklet.

The Executive Board provided some assistance to the District Executive in selecting the Youth Coordinator. It is with pleasure that we welcome Dawna Welch to the District staff. Her efforts are already apparent at this District Conference.

The 2010 District Conference received a recommendation titled, "Process for Responding to Congregational Disagreements with Annual Conference and/or District Conference Decisions." After a lively discussion the Conference said, "Grounded in our Unity Statement and conscious of our theological and cultural diversity the PSWD Board (shall) appoint a five person study committee to develop a framework for conversation around areas of tension in a spirit of love and acceptance as we focus on Christ."

The Board exceeded its mandate just a bit. There were seven candidates for the task group that volunteered or were nominated, who had agreed to

serve, and who were recognized to be persons of considerable ability. Those seven were constituted as the task group. They are: Linda Davis (chosen by the group as chair), Doris Dunham, Jeanine Ewert, Lois Frantz, Reba Herder, Tom Hostetler, and Sara Haldeman-Scarr. It is anticipated that their report will come to this Conference.

As Chair of the Board, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to all the members of the Pacific Southwest District for your prayers and support. I need to express thanks to the members of the Board, the committees, and the task groups that work on behalf of the Pacific Southwest District. And most especially I want to express my respect and admiration for our District staff. Their commitment to God, their professional competence, and patience with the foibles of the Board chair are beyond ordinary expectations.

Don Fancher  
Chair, Board of Administration



2010 District Conference Officers under the Hillcrest tree



## Thank you !

The Policy Board thanks those who accepted appointments and task group assignments during the past year. Most appointments are for one year, longer appointments list the concluding year. The Executive Board aims at making appointments between District Conference and the end of the year so that appointees can begin their work in January. Please give us suggestions for next year with the forms on the information table, and on pages 14-15 above.

### **Financial Appointments**

**Treasurer:** (authorized signatory) Larry Woodruff (La Verne)

**Other Authorized Signatories:** (yearly appointment) Ferne Schechter (La Verne), Mary Kay Ogden (La Verne)

### **Historical Committee**

*District By-Laws, Article III.K.2.*

Marlin Heckman (La Verne), *Ex-Officio: Board Chair, Moderator, District Executive Minister*

### **Shalom Team (5-Year Term ending)**

*District By-Laws, Article III.K.1.*

2011 Vern Jahnke (La Verne)  
2014 Barbara Brandt (Live Oak)

2012 John Lahman (Circle of Peace)  
2015 Mike Wolfsen (La Verne)

2013 Marty Farahat (Modesto)

### **The Board's 2011 Task Teams**

Camps  
Minister Training

Constitution & By-Laws Committee  
Pastors Retreat Planners

Hispanic Association  
Financial Planning Task Team

### **Standing Committee's Hearings on Special Response to AC**

Thanks to the many people who made these meetings possible throughout the district

### **District Disaster Response Coordinator**

Network Chair: Lyndall Frantz (Empire)

### **Ecumenical Council Representatives**

Arizona Representatives Kate Spire and Don Shankster – *Alternate:* Karen Walters

Northern California Representative: Art Crane

Southern California Representative: John Jackson

### **Margaret Carl Trust Fund Advisory Committee**

*Applications for Bibles, tracts, etc. are available from the PSWD Office.*

*Administrator:* Robert Earhart, Trustee (La Verne)

*Advisory Committee Members:*

2012 Lowell Brubaker (La Verne)

2011 Marlin Heckman (La Verne)

2013 Joe Schechter (La Verne)

### **Investment Committee**

*Manages investments with our investment partners, based on performance assessments.*

Chair: At large-(2012) Elizabeth Rowan (Pasadena)

At large-(2011) Jim Martinez (Modesto)

Treasurer-Larry Woodruff (La Verne) (*ex-officio w/vote*)

District Executive (*ex-officio w/o vote*)

Stewards Chair (*ex-officio w/vote*)

### **Ministerial Ethics Committee: (5-Year Term ending)**

2011 Richard Hart (Pomona Fellowship)

2012 Russ Matteson (Modesto)

2013 Mary Kay Ogden (La Verne)

#2014 Joe Schechter (La Verne)

2015 Deb Merrifield-Carothers (Circle of Peace)

*Alternates for District Executive Minister:*

2011 Richard Hart (Pomona Fellowship)

*Ex-Officio:* (with vote), *Ministry Chair*

*Ex-Officio:* (without vote), *District Executive Minister*