

ELPNA

July discussion regarding Region 3 Board dissolution

Becky Hulden presented the model:

1. Region 3 would dissolve its board
2. Region 3 would have a coordinator to pull together the work of the committees
3. Region 3 would have 3 committees with the following functions:
 - a. Education – provide CEUs for PNs
 - b. Grants – propagation of parish nurses and parish nurses programs within congregations. Mentoring
 - c. Outreach – develop and enhance relationships within the 9 synods of Region 3
4. Region 3 would no longer have a board, bylaws, officers, or fiduciary responsibility.

Discussion:

LN – having a coordinator seems like we are retaining the board structure. Let's just go all in with the national board. No committees at the region 3 level. Let's just work at the national level.

PB – all regions have 1-3 reps on national board

JA – are all 3 purposes available at the national level?

MW – Region 4 had a Zoom Tea with 13-15 people. LK hosted it.

RC – will this work any better? We are just all volunteers.

BH – the idea might be to have an executive director at the national level. The human resources that we have in Region 3 might be better used at the national level.

MW – there has always been a strong identity and input from Region 3 on the national board. Don't want to lose the Region 3 identity.

PB – a new development in membership trends. This is the first time that the total of the other 8 regions is greater than the Region 3 membership (Region 3 – 52, other 8 – 63). Region 3 has 21 non-renewals from 2019.

LN – often renewals happen with the registration for educational events and we didn't have one this year.

RC – I get my CEUs from ELPNA. But we are an “old, tired group”

LN – only a few people who get the work done.

PB – on the other hand....lots of energy and enthusiasm at the national level

MW – we all have the same issues and challenges.

Becky Hulden asked, "What would we lose if we dissolve our board?"

DB – good idea to go in with national

JA – good question...no loss. Any work at the national level would benefit region 3.

PB – we might lose connectedness. We can still have Region 3 education events. We can still have a retreat in Region 3.

LN – We wouldn't lose Region 3 educational events, we would gain national educational events. We could attract 100+ people. We would gain more people and more energy. We would learn how to meet national CEU requirements.

MW – CD is looking at national accreditation.

Becky Hulden asked, "What would we gain if we dissolve our board?"

DB – resources

LS – Less bureaucracy. It will flatten our structure. It will centralize leadership. Jean Bokinskie is concerned with maintaining our connectedness.

BH – opportunity for moving information from national to regions. Opportunity for being connected with our region without a board?