

**52nd Convention of the Rocky Mountain District
June 9-10, 2022
Proceedings**

Thursday- June 9, 2022

2:30 Call to Order Opening of 52nd District Convention by President Schlechte

- Opened in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

2:31 Acceptance of the Credentials Report; Acceptance of the Agenda; Acceptance of the Standing Rules; Testing of the Voting Procedures

- **Acceptance of Credentials Report**
- Registered Pastoral Delegates-92
- Registered Lay Delegates-96
- **Moved adoption to accept registration of credentials report, 2nd, Adopted.**

2:32 Acceptance of the Agenda

- **Motion to adopt agenda for Rocky Mountain Convention, 2nd, Adopted.**

Acceptance of Standing Rules

OVERTURE 2022-2-01 TO RECOMMEND THE ADOPTION OF SPECIAL STANDING RULES FOR THE 2022 CONVENTION

- Rev. Michael Redeker – Chairman, Live the Faith Floor Committee
- **Motion to adopt Overture 2022-2-01, 2nd , Adopted.**

2:45 Welcome and presentation by Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe Jr., 2nd Vice President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Greetings from President Harrison and the rest of the presidium.

Showed Video from Synod

PowerPoint presentation followed at 2:49. Presentation available by requesting report from the District Secretary.

3:22 Rev. Rust – Credentials report

- **Registered Pastoral Delegates-92**
- **Registered Lay Delegates-92**
- **Total Voting Delegates-188**

Motion to adopt credentials report, 2nd , Adopted

3:25 Rev. Eli Lietzau

Nominations Committee- Presentation of Ballot— Rev. Eli Lietzau

- RMD will not be sending a Delegate to Synodical Convention. Therefore, no vote will be held on Synodical Convention Ballot.

3:35 Presentation of Slate for Elections

Nominations for President, 1st Vice President, and Area Vice Presidents were closed

Board of Directors—Commissioned Ministers

- Mrs. Melissa DeGroot (Southern)
 - Mrs. Paulette “Polly” Wegner (Central)
- (Chair declares nominations for Commissioned Ministers closed)

BOD Layperson Central Area

- Mr. Micah Lile
 - Mr. Chris Paulsen
 - Ms. Marcia Hogan
- (Chair declares nominations closed)

BOD Layperson Eastern Area

- Mr. Gary Brookshire
 - Mr. E. Christian Kopff
 - Mr. Grant Drenkow
 - Mr. Mark Otteman
 - Mr. Kenneth Stroud Jr.
- (Chair declares nominations closed)

BOD Layperson Southern Area

- Mr. Alan Koschmann
 - Mr. Earl Needham
 - Mr. Damon Tobias
- (Chair declares nominations closed)

BOD Layperson Western Area

- Mr. Darrell Wagner
- Mr. Rick Oberheu
- Mr. Russ Winterstein

District Nominations Committee

- Rev. Adam DeGroot
 - Rev. Doug Escue
 - Rev. Jeremy Jacoby
 - Rev. Jared Melius
 - Rev. Andrew Packer
 - **Moved to keep nominations for lay and commissioned ministers positions that are open on the Nominations Committee open, 2nd, Adopted.**
- Motion to accept the slate of nominees as presented by Nominating Committee, 2nd, Adopted.**

Instructions given by chair: If voting device fails, raise your hand to have your vote counted.

4:38 Motion made that we reconsider the vote for district president, 2nd

Division of the house

57 in favor of revote

112 opposed to revote

- **Motion defeated.**

4:41 Rev. Jared Melius concedes election to Rev. James Maxwell.

Central Area Vice President

- Rev. Jeremy Jacoby
- Rev. Elisha Lietzau
- Rev. Jared Melius
- Rev. Pete Scheele

Since Rev. Jared Melius was elected 1st VP, Central Region is filled.

Eastern Area Vice President

- Rev. Mark Nierman

Chair moved a vote of acclamation of Rev. Mark Nierman as Eastern Area Vice President, 2nd, Adopted.

4:44 Southern Area Vice President

1st Ballot

- Rev. Bror Erickson 8%
- Rev. A. Brian Flamme 10%
- Rev. Stephen Heimer 14%
- Rev. Timothy Norton 28%
- Rev. Jason Rust 40%

2nd Ballot

- Rev. Timothy Norton 41%
- Rev. Jason Rust 59%

Rev. Jason Rust elected Southern Area Vice President.

Chair asked Convention floor to extend time for elections through the election of Vice Presidents and District Secretary, there were no objections.

5:01 Western Area Vice President

1st Ballot

- Rev. Alan Borchert 23%
- Rev. Andrew Packer 32%
- Rev. Michael Redeker 35%
- Rev. Charles Westby 10%

2nd Ballot

- Rev. Alan Borchert 22%
- Rev. Andrew Packer 36%
- Rev. Michael Redeker 42%

3rd Ballot

- Rev. Andrew Packer 43% (plus one hand-vote)
- Rev. Michael Redeker 57% (plus one hand-vote)

Rev. Michael Redeker elected Western Area Vice President.

Chair changes the orders of the day to extend time by 15 minutes for presentation by Dr. Alfonso Espinosa and to reconvene after dinner at 7:29. There were no objections.

5:07 Election for District Secretary

1st Ballot

- Rev. Brian Flamme 38%
 - Rev. Brian Kachelmeier 18%
 - Rev. Elisha Lietzau 44%
 - (No nominations from the floor)
- Chair declares the nominations for District Secretary closed.

2nd Ballot

Rev. Brian Flamme 47%
Rev. Elisha Lietzau 53%

Rev. Eli Lietzau elected District Secretary.

5:10 Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa

5:45 Dinner Break

7:29 Credentials Committee Report-Rev. Jason Rust

Pastoral Delegates-93

Lay Delegates-94

Total Voting Delegates-187

7:30 District President's Report and thanks to those with whom he worked the last quadrennium.

8:11 100th Anniversary—Rev. Gary Rahe, 2nd Vice President, Eastern Area RMD, Duane Nyen, Commissioned Minister BoD

Roger Krause and Al Schroeder did a great job on getting stories together. We are a District that understands that if we are not going to be creative in sharing the Gospel, we are going to fail. The bottom line is to share Jesus Christ and Him crucified, across our vast region, with all the diverse cultures in the District.

Duane Nyen—put together slide presentation and did much digging in the archives, to find pictures. Found such wonderful pictures of people and congregations that make this District into what it is. The RMD is a District that looks outside of itself to other people.

Great District, great opportunities, yet, we hold each other back from reaching our potential. During the last three years, we've seen the work of the devil wreak havoc in our culture through the pandemic.

There have been a number of great ministries in the last hundred years.

We took on the dream of raising over a million dollars for South Africa in partnership with Synod.

We now have an opportunity to help Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

8:26 Prayer Rev. Gary Rahe

8:27 Closing Prayer-Rev. Gary Piepkorn, 1st Vice President, Southern Area RMD

8:32 Anniversary Social Sponsored by LCEF for Delegates and Convention Guests