

53rd Convention of the Rocky Mountain District
May 29-30, 2025
Proceedings

Call to Order—Maxwell—2:46pm 5/29/2025

I. Acceptance of Convention Proceedings —2:46pm

A. Credentials Report

B. 96 pastoral / 99 lay / 6 advisor

1. Motion to accept—passed unanimously

C. Agenda—2:48pm

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D. Standing Rules—2:48pm

1. Motion to accept standing rules—passed unanimously—2:53pm

E. Testing and validating the Voting procedures —2:53pm

II. District President's Report—Maxwell—3:06:pm

A. Report Attached

III. Elections—3:20pm

A. Presentation of the slate of Nominations—Escue—3:21pm

1. Motion to accept all except Synod Nominations Committee—3:29pm

a) Moved/2nd

(1) Passed Unanimously—3:31pm

B. President—Vote / Percentage

1. James Maxwell—145 / 74.74%

2. Jared Melius—49 / 25.26%

3. Result—Maxwell

C. 1st Vice President—Vote / Percentage

1. 1st Ballot

a) Dan Kletke—20 / 10%

b) Elisha Lietzau—56 / 28%

c) Jared Melius—97 / 49%

d) Mark Nierman—24 / 12%

2. 2nd Ballot

a) Elisha Lietzau—73 / 37.82%

b) Jared Melius—120 / 62.18%

3. Result—Melius

D. Regional Vice Presidents—Vote / Percentage

1. East

a) 1st Ballot

(1) Daniel Kletke—51 / 26%

(2) Shawn Nettleton—15 / 8%

(3) Mark Nierman—94 / 48%

(4) Timothy Runtsch—24 / 12%

(5) Glen Schlecht—11 / 5%

b) 2nd Ballot

(1) Daniel Kletke—76 / 39.18%

- (2) **Mark Nierman—118 / 60.82%**
 - c) Result—**Nierman**
 - 2. Southern—Voice Vote of Affirmation
 - a) **Jason Rust**
 - b) Result—**Rust**
 - 3. West—Voice Vote of Affirmation
 - a) **Michael Redeker**
 - b) Result—**Redeker**
- E. Position of Rank of Vice Presidents—Vote / Percentage**
 - 1. 1st Ballot
 - a) Nierman—74 / 38.95%
 - b) Rust—73 / 38.42%
 - c) Redeker—43 / 22.63%
 - 2. 2nd Ballot
 - a) Nierman—84 / 43.75%
 - b) **Rust—108 / 56.25%**
 - 3. 3rd Ballot
 - a) **Nierman—108 / 56.84%**
 - b) Redeker—82 / 43.16%
 - 4. Result—**2nd = Rust, 3rd = Nierman, 4th = Redeker**
- F. District Secretary—Vote / Percentage**
 - 1. 1st Ballot
 - a) **Elisha Lietzau—139 / 72.77%**
 - b) Richard von Steinman—52 / 27.23%
 - 2. Result—**Lietzau**
- G. Commission Worker—BoD—Vote / Percentage**
 - 1. 1st Ballot
 - a) Kristine Bower (E)—28 / 14.41%
 - b) **Melissa DeGroot (S)—104 / 55.03%**
 - c) T. David Lindeman (E)—32 / 16.83%
 - d) Sina Williams (C)—25 / 13.23%
 - 2. 2nd Ballot
 - a) Kristine Bower (E)—44 / 23.28%
 - b) T. David Lindeman (E)—61 / 32.28%
 - c) Sina Williams (C)—84 / 44.44%
 - 3. 3rd Ballot
 - a) T. David Lindeman (E)—77 / 40.53%
 - b) **Sina Williams (C)—113 / 59.47%**
 - 4. Result—**DeGroot, Williams**
- H. Lay Representatives—BoD—Vote / Percentage**
 - 1. 1st Ballot Central
 - a) Brian Boyle (C)—52 / 27.66%
 - b) James Greer (C)—40 / 21.28%
 - c) **Marcia Hogan (C)—96 / 51.06%**
 - d) Result—**Hogan**
 - 2. 1st Ballot East

- a) **Kevin Grein (E)—97 / 50.52%**
 - b) Noreen Linke (E)—18 / 9.38%
 - c) Hal McNerney (E)—12 / 6.25%
 - d) Jarrod Puseman (E)—56 / 29.17%
 - e) Sharon Robinson (E)—9 / 4.69%
- 3. 2nd Ballot East
 - a) Noreen Linke (E)—21 / 10.99%
 - b) Hal McNerney (E)—22 / 11.52%
 - c) **Jarrold Puseman (E)—97 / 50.79%**
 - d) Sharon Robinson (E)—21 / 10.99%
- 4. Result = **Grein, Puseman**
- 5. 1st Ballot Southern Acclimation
 - a) **Damon Tobias (S)**
 - b) Result = **Tobias**
- 6. 1st Ballot West Acclimation Vote
 - a) **Darrell Wagner (W)**
 - b) **Russ Winterstein (W)**
- 7. Result—**Wagner, Winterstein**
- I. **District Nominations Committee—Vote / Percentage**
 - 1. 1st Ballot (CM)
 - a) **Mrs. Kristine Bower (CM) (C)—100 / 54.95%**
 - b) Mr. William Busacker (CM) (E)—82 / 45.05%
 - c) Result = **Bower**
 - 2. 1st Ballot (Lay) Voice Vote Acclimation
 - a) **Mrs. Alyssa Hahn (E)**
 - b) **Mrs. Mary Redeker (W)**
 - c) Result = **Hahn, Redeker**
 - 3. 1st Ballot (Clergy/Central)
 - a) **Rev. Jeremy Jacoby (C)—115 / 61.50%**
 - b) Rev. Roger Wohletz (C)—72 / 38.50%
 - c) Results = **Jacoby**
 - 4. 1st Ballot (Clergy/Southern)
 - a) Rev. Adam DeGroot (S)—67 / 35.45%
 - b) **Rev. Douglas Escue (S)—122 / 64.55%**
 - c) Result = **Escue**
- IV. Break—4:15pm
- V. Rev. Warren W. Graff—4:30
- VI. Break—5:30
- VII. Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison—7:00pm
 - A. Report Attached
- VIII. Closing Prayer/Adjourn for the day—8:22pm