

**Summary**  
**FSPA Affiliation Operating Board (AOB) Meeting**

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Present: RaeAnn Thomas, Michael Krueger (Affiliation Director), Sr. Linda Mershon, Grant Van Lishout, Tim Sullivan, Sr. Jolynn Brehm, Peggy Johnson, Ashley Skoczynski, Sr. Georgia Christensen, Colleen Gnabasik, Doris Doherty-Gasper, and Kerri Kirchner, recording secretary.

**Prayer and Land Acknowledgement.**

**Committee Reports:**

Executive Committee

- Resignation: Joyce Heil

Nomination and Board Membership Committee

- all affiliates outside of AOB can join board committees.

Prayer and Spiritual Formation Committee

Finance Committee-

- FSC will now offer a 20% discount to affiliates who participate in programs there.

**All Saints Day Honors**

**Focus Group Reports**

Provocative Movements

- Provocative Movements gathering in October. Several groups were chosen and made proposals on each of the three movements.

Companion Communities

- Will include the Canticle of the Creatures in the monthly resource that goes out to all sisters and affiliates.

Recruitment and Retention through Relationships

Liaison Report – Sr. Georgia

- The Anti-Racism and Truth in Healing Committees have decided to join together in their efforts.

Director's Report – Michael

- There are currently 234 affiliates and 13 active discerners.
- Next year two live-ins will be offered for discerners. Affiliation will continue to collaborate with Sr. Julia Walsh in the Formation Department to offer live-ins to those discerning affiliation and those discerning religious life.
- Next year the affiliation ceremonies will be at 6:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. The spring ceremony will be primarily for initial commitments. The fall ceremony will be primarily for anniversary recommitments.
- We have offered two virtual and two in-person retreats

Discussion on the Regional Coordinator Model

New Business

- The Executive Committee will do an annual evaluation of Michael (as Affiliation Director).