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## Wisconsin's 29th Triennial Session

The Wisconsin Academy chapel began to fill early on Sunday morning, April 12, as delegates from 70 of Wisconsin's 77 churches arrived to participate in the **29th Triennial Session of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.**

**Elder Arnold Swanson** welcomed the 208 regular delegates (lay persons) and 49 delegates-at-large (Conference employees) who were present to elect officers and departmental directors and conduct business as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Special guests included Lake Union Conference officers: **Elders Robert Carter, Herbert Larsen, Herbert Pritchard and Luis Leonor** as well as Union departmental personnel: **John Bernet, Richard Dower, Bill Jones and Fred Stephen.**

**Elder A. C. McClure, President of the North American Division** of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, shared news of recent advances in God's work in Eastern Europe. His devotional message reminded members of the need to be unified in the mission of the Church, in uplifting Christ in Wisconsin and the World. He encouraged them to "*press together, press together, press together in the finishing of God's work.*"

In his opening remarks to the delegation, Elder Swanson spoke of the challenges faced by the Conference during the triennium and expressed appreciation

to the faithful members who had responded in such a positive way to the needs.

Swanson then invited the Terrells to join him and reported to the group that Richard and Sharon had recently accepted calls to the Ohio Conference. Elder Swanson expressed appreciation to the Terrells for their 11 years of service to the Wisconsin members. Elder Art Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer, read the inscription on a plaque presented to the Terrells which stated:

*The Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists expresses heartfelt appreciation to Richard and Sharon Terrell for eleven years of dedicated service (1981-1992). Your willingness to be used of the Lord in the work here in Wisconsin will forever be remembered.*

Elder Swanson also announced that Rick Serns, Wisconsin Academy Principal, had resigned as of the end of the school year in order to work toward a doctorate degree. Swanson expressed appreciation to Rick and his wife, Valerie, for their dedication to Wisconsin Academy during the past 3 years. Elder Nelson also presented a plaque to Serns.

It was announced that in a recent K-12 Education Board, members voted to ask Steve Brown, WA vice principal and science teacher, to serve as principal and he accepted. Mr. Brown was then introduced to the group.

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As stipulated in the newly revised Constitution and Bylaws (voted at a specially called constituency meeting in November, 1991), the Nominating Committee met 45 days prior to the Triennial Session to make recommendations regarding officers, departmental directors and members of the Conference Executive Committee and Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Elder Carter, who served as Chairman of this Committee, reported that at their first meeting the members had recommended that the 2 officers and all departmental directors be re-elected. The committee also made recommendations for committee membership and their report was mailed to the delegates 30 days prior to the Triennial Session.

Carter added that the committee had thought their work was done; however, because the Terrells had accepted calls, a pastor had moved to a different region and 1 person recommended for committee membership was not able to serve, it was necessary for the nominating committee to reconvene to make further recommendations.

When the committee finished their work, Carol Mertins, Secretary (Watertown Church) read the recommendations (which were subsequently ratified by vote of the delegates) for officers and departmental directors:

Elected to serve were: **Officers: Arnold Swanson**, President and **Art Nelson**, Secretary-Treasurer; **Departmental directors: Dale Ziegele**, Church Ministries and Health/Temperance; Associate Church Ministries (for Stewardship), **Richard Habenicht**; Education, **Herb Wrate**; Loss Control, Art Nelson; Ministerial Director, Arnold Swanson; Public Affairs/Religious Liberty and Trust Services, Richard Habenicht. (Communication Director was not elected at this time.) **Special services:** Adventist Book Center Manager, **Esther Nelson**; ASI Coordinator, Art Nelson.

Chosen to represent the 5 regions of the State as members of the **Conference Executive Committee** were:

**REGION I**

Nelson Boon, Jr. (Layperson)  
Carmen Holm (Layperson)  
Archie Mitchell (Layperson)  
Orlando Vazquez (Conf. Employee)

**REGION II**

Dale Bossenberry (Layperson)  
Ron Crary (Layperson)  
Louise Legreid (Layperson)  
Aileen Patton (Layperson)  
Herb Wrate (Conference Employee)

**REGION III**

Donald Mann (Layperson)  
Bonnie Wiedemann (Layperson)  
Marvin Clark (Conference Employee)

**REGION IV**

Carol Kenyon (Layperson)  
Darrell Nottelson (Layperson)  
Jerry Ringwelski (Layperson)  
Jess Nephew (Conference Employee)

**REGION V**

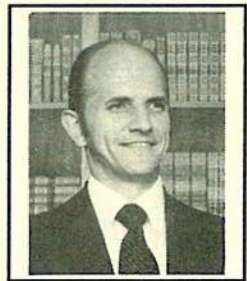
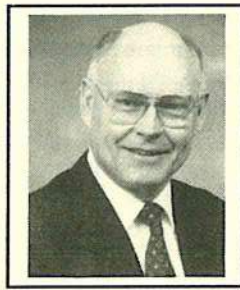
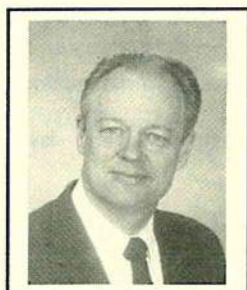
Robert Merickel (Layperson)  
Dwight Rosen (Layperson)  
John Johansen (Conference Employee)

Members of the **Constitution and Bylaws Committee** for the new triennium include: Art Nelson, Chairman; Earl Peters, Dean Werner and Robert Kuntz.

The organizing committee met early in the day to provide recommendations for the 1992-1995

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Wisconsin Conference Officers and Departmental Directors (left to right from top of page): Arnold Swanson, Art Nelson, Dale Ziegele, Herb Wrate, Richard Habenicht, Esther Nelson.



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**Nominating Committee.** Elected to serve on this committee were 8 lay persons: Elwin Herferth and Antero Medina (Region I); Fred Miller and Don Knepel (Region II); Paul Connor and Jerome Mann (Region III); Darrell Nottelson (Region IV); Sally Johnson (Region V) and 3 Conference employees: Steve Cook, Richard Habenicht and John Johansen.

Throughout the day, Conference officers and departmental directors presented triennial reports and answered delegate's questions.

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Delegates were given the opportunity to provide suggested goals and objectives for the Conference in the new triennium and to list any current priority needs or issues that need to be addressed for the Academy and Conference.

In the presentation of the financial statements by the Treasurer, it was pointed out that the finances of the Conference have improved. It was noted that member's increased giving to Wisconsin Budget offering and special gifts to Wisconsin Academy for debt retirement played an important part in this positive trend.

The need for a continuing subsidy, due to lowered enrollment at the Academy, was also discussed. And it was reported that Wisconsin Budget offerings for the first 2 months of the year totaled \$44,904 or \$18,410 short of the 2-month goal. (See first quarter totals in graph below)

Around 6:30 p.m., when it was determined that there was no longer 51% of the regular delegates present, it was necessary to adjourn the meeting (as stipulated in the revised Constitution and Bylaws). Therefore, it was necessary to refer 2 items of business to the Conference Executive Committee for consideration at their first meeting to be held April 26.

The final challenge of the day was given by Elder Herb Larsen, Secretary of the Lake Union Conference who shared the quintennial goals/objectives for the Lake Union Conference. (See LUC goals/objectives on back page.)

#### 1992 Wisconsin Budget Offering Goals

Month	Budget	Actual	Short
January	31,657	26,833	4,824
February	31,657	18,071	13,586
March	<u>31,657</u>	<u>18,624</u>	<u>13,033</u>
	94,971	63,528	31,443

## Steve Brown Elected Principal of Wisconsin Academy

Steve Brown, formerly science teacher and vice principal at Wisconsin Academy, was elected principal during a specially called Wisconsin K-12 Education Board on April 7. Current principal, Rick Serns, is resigning at the end of the year to pursue his doctorate degree.

Brown spent his early years in the Far Eastern Division where his parents, Dr. Douglas and Ardys Brown, served as missionaries. Steve graduated from Far Eastern Academy in 1971 and received a B.A. from Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists in 1975. In 1979 he graduated from Andrews University with a Masters in Religious Education.

Before accepting a call as science teacher at Wisconsin Academy in 1988, Brown served as a youth pastor in Colorado and then as a teacher at Indianapolis Junior Academy. He recently received the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award from the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Brown is married to the former Deborah J. Erskine and Steve and Debbie have 2 children: Kristy, age 11, and Erik, age 8.

As principal of Wisconsin Academy, Brown's stated goal is to further develop the quality of spiritual life and opportunities for practical outreach. He also plans to promote a spirit of excellence in all areas of school life and inspire an increased sense of purpose and mission to Seventh-day Adventist Christian education.



Steve Brown  
Principal  
Elect of  
Wisconsin Academy

**PLEASE NOTE** the enclosed information re Camp Go-Seek Work Bee. If you are able to assist during any part of this week, please complete the enclosed form and send by return mail. Thank you for adding a 29 cent stamp.

### LAKE UNION CONFERENCE QUINQUENNIAL GOALS/OBJECTIVES

#### Lake Union Conference QUINQUENNIAL OBJECTIVES



1. To inspire all members to develop a spiritual life in Christ, evident in the management of talents, time, treasure and the temple of the body.
2. To increase personal and public evangelism in every sector of the Church.
3. To increase Sabbath School and Church attendance.
4. To involve the youth in a life of service for Christ and the great Advent Hope.
5. To develop an active commitment to Seventh-day Adventist Education.

#### QUINQUENNIAL GOALS

Sabbath School/Church attendance	10% increase annually
Membership	5% increase for the quinquennium
Mission Giving	5% increase annually
School Enrollment	1% increase annually
Tithe	10% increase annually

#### MISSION ADVENTURE

Key City Evangelism

**Target: 70,000 membership by 1995.**

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