



## USA Northwest Field Council Spring 2014 Meeting Agenda

**ESDAY, April 8** Depart 5:30pm dinner at Smoky Mountain Pizza depart from the Admission's office. Buy your own dinner meal is optional)

### **TUESDAY, April 9**

8:00-9:00AM Field Council & School of Theology & Christian Ministry faculty breakfast in Wordsworth, then move to Ferdinand Suite in the JSC

- Welcome & Introductions-Rich
- RME Schedule walk through
- President's Report-Rich
- Secretary's Report-Lucas
- Quizzing Report-Bill
- Q2014 at Trevecca June 30-July 5  
Q2014.org<<http://Q2014.org>>
- Summer Camps & travel groups Sherri
- DP reports

11:00am-1:30pm Lunch in the Ferdinand Suite JSC w/ admissions staff (Honkers)

- The Call Report-Trent
- Treasurer's Report & budget proposal-Troy
- Third Wave 2015 San Jose, Costa Rica-David
- Event Vision discussion

1:30 PM Dinner at TGIF, Captain America, pay for movie yourself.

### **WEDNESDAY, April 10**

8:30 AM Council Meeting in the Ferdinand Suite in the JSC

- Lite breakfast muffins, maybe fruit.
- Devotions-James O'Connell
- Main Event Report-Shawn
- Regional Training Report-Kipp (10:40am)
- YW Dinner Update-Kipp

12:30 Break for Lunch off site, Sara's Bagel

- Event Vision Recap Discussion
- Nazarene Higher Education-Stacey
- NNU Update – Shawn and Stacey
- NYC 2015 Field Coordinator? Rich
- NYC - promo vid, call to prayer, [nyc2015.com](http://nyc2015.com)<<http://nyc2015.com>>
- LC 2013-Louisville

6 PM Dinner at BWW afterwards, FREE TIME

**THURSDAY, April 11** Meet at 8:30am in the NNU Cafeteria for breakfast

- 9am Devotions-Kenny Wade in Admissions Conference Room
- Sister Region Partnership
- RME set-up begins admissions office conference room
- MTG W Justin Pickard USA Canada NYI Director TBA

**FRIDAY, April 12** RME all day and into the night.

**April 9, 2014**

Godsworth in Student Center for Breakfast with School of Theology & Christian Ministry faculty

Attendance: **Rich Vasquez, A. Lucas Finch, David LaFrenz, Bill Buckholdt** (quizzing rep), **Troy Teeter, Dave Smith, Matt Bissonnette** (OrePac rep), **Trent Friberg, Shawn Blenker, Billy Buisman**

Also in attendance: Zach Carpenter, Sherri Walker, Jana Burnham, Henry Miller, Stacey Berggren, Fred Fullerton, Mike Kipp

School of Theology & Christian Ministry faculty shared about what is going on in their school.

Relocated to Ferdinand Suite. Joined by **Sherri Walker**.

Rich Vasquez called the meeting to order.

Everyone gave introductions of their roles for the region and their districts.

Shawn Blenker led walk-thru on RME.

Prayed by **Mike Kipp**.

## **President's Report** Presented by Rich Vasquez

Dear my fellow council members on the Northwest Field NYI Council,

Greetings fellow council members, I'm excited for this week as we meet and prepare for the Main Event. How many people are praying for our meetings and Main Event. We have close to 460 registered to attend so far from our seven districts.

I'm happy to say that I feel much better than at our last meetings in November when I left early because I was sick. Thanks to Trent who filled in while I was home sick. It was also good to see most of you at Leadership Conference last month in Kentucky.

I wanted to welcome to our council Pastor David Smith, the new DP of Alaska and Pastor Billy Buisman, the new DP of the NW district. It's great to have them on board representing their districts. I also wanted to welcome Shawn Blenker to our council. Shawn serves as the director of admissions as well as the NNU liaison. Good luck to James, Vandanna, and Mike who are moving on in ministry. I will also miss Pastor Zach Carpenter, ORE-PAC and Pastor Jana Burnham, Women in Ministry Advocate. Zach and his wife are preparing to have a baby and Jana just had a baby. I will also miss Henry who couldn't make the trip this time. Let's keep Henry and Connie in our prayers during this time.

I'm excited to join together with you as we gather here at NNU this week. We have many things to discuss and think about as we look at ways to effectively reach the youth and churches on our field. While we all represent unique home districts, we work together to minister to the youth in our field. With NYC and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave coming it's hard to believe Main Event is here and the Call is coming!

Thank you for your leadership and obedience to God's call!

Respectively Submitted,

Rich  
v. Richard R. Vasquez  
NYI Field NYI President  
April 9-2014

*after a life of love as if your life depended on it — because it does.*

**Secretaries report** Presented by A. Lucas Finch

2013 Field Council Minutes in file: NW Region NYI Nov 13 Fall Minutes.docx

Motion to accept: Shawn Blenker. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt Bissonnette. Unanimously accepted.

Motioned by **Stacey Berggren**.

**Quizzing report** Presented by Bill Buckholdt

Harry Miller is not doing well. We need to keep him in our prayers. He has been given only a short period of time to be w

Quizzing has transitioned to the NIV (2011). It has caused some concerns in the quizzing community. A couple of the NW  
Id teams have been lost as a result.

2014 is being held at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville on June 30 thru July 5.

File referred to: Spring 2014 Quiz Report.docx

Motioned to accept: Sherri Walker Second: Dave Smith Motioned passed unanimously

Sherri Walker presented on NNU travel teams going to district camps. All of the districts have been communicated with  
regarding whom is coming, but there is a little more time that they want to fill in on Witness's schedule.

Stacey Berggren shared about her role at NNU and on the council.

## **district Reports**

**Alaska Report:** Presented by Dave Smith

File: Alaska Spring Report 2014.docx

John was just elected for a two year term.

**Colorado Report:** presented by Troy Teeter

File: Colorado District - Spring 2014 Report.pdf

John's term is up this year, but he will likely run again if so led.

**Intermountain Report:** presented by Rich Vasquez

File: Intermountain District NYI Report.docx

John was just reelected for a two year term.

**Northwest Report:** presented by Billy Buisman

File: Northwest Spring Report 2014.docx

John was just elected for a two year term.

**Pac Report:** Presented by David LaFrenz  
: WaPac Spring Report.doc  
vid was just reelected for a one year term.

tioned to accept: Dave Smith. Second: Mike Kipp. motioned passed unanimously

Minute Break

nt led conversation on Cancellation Policy for USA Northwest events. He presented the following policy:

#### Cancellation Policy Recommendation

Looking through the Regional Ministry Plan (do we need to change that name), we do not have a cancellation policy.

In the fall of 2013, I was asked to bring to this meeting a recommendation for a policy for cancellations.

Seeing as we collect funds for both of our events directly from the districts, I would recommend the following:

- Districts are responsible to pay for the number of students registered at the deadline date.
- If more students register and come to the event, a late fee will be assessed and there may be certain aspects of the event that these students will miss out on.
- If less students come to the event, the district will be charged for the full number of students who were planning to come.
- Event directors may, at their discretion, allow for certain circumstances where the number of registrations that districts must pay for can be reduced, such as weather conditions, travel circumstances, severe illness, etc.

led until tomorrow.

ak for lunch.

### **III Conference Report** presented by Trent Friberg

referred to: Call Conference Spring14.docx

es for 2014: October 23-26.

tioned to accept: Troy Teeter. Second: Mike Kipp. motioned passed unanimously

### **VI Proposal** presented by Shawn Blenker:

Proposal: Create a new event to replace Regional Main Event that would encourage a broader participation of

I'd like to encourage the Regional Executive Council to consider starting fresh with a brand new event. Consider an event that would be attractive to churches and youth from all over the Northwest Field, regardless of "talent" or athletic interest. One idea I've considered in brainstorming with Rich and others invested in our current event is to format a Northwest Field NYI Conference (a smaller version of NYC) during Memorial Day weekend each non-NYC year. We would bring the Call To Ministry Conference to this event as an optional track for students, along with other tracks and workshops. In addition to various workshops, high quality worship and speakers, we would coordinate a service project (or several service project options). To help grow community and foster relationships between students from around the region, I'd also suggest we break the time up with organized and unorganized intramural events and activities.

Whatever it turns out to be, it needs to have focus and that focus, in my opinion, needs to be driven by the Regional Council. What do we want to accomplish with a large scale Field event? Great things happen in the spiritual pilgrimage of a young person at NYC. I'd love to see a similarly focused event every year when there isn't an NYC where we get together as a Field to grow, learn and reinforce the value of a bigger Church of the Nazarene community.

h's thoughts: Don't get rid of your District Main Events if they are still working for you. 2014 would be the last time to hold Regional Main Event. The Call Conference will still be on this fall. Spring 2015: No Event. Maybe replace Fall 2015 with a meet and no The Call? Begin with new event Memorial Day Weekend of 2016, kind of like a field level NYC. Everyone invited. No competition emphasis. Junior High / Senior High Event. Service, Worship, Workshops, Fellowship. Costs: Lower than Regional Main Event.

Shared by **Jana Burnham** via Facetime.

Potential Positives: Mike likes the proposal and thinks it has great potential. He thinks that it will help make NNU a centerpiece of the field. Trent likes that it addresses the fact that we have had very little change in close to 20 years. He also likes the admission that we are not the premier sporting event in the Northwest. Lucas likes that it will separate the district events from the field event, and he thinks that there will be greater potential in RMD students coming. Trent likes that it allows the districts to develop their own identity in their own events instead of trying to tie into the field event. Mike thinks that not having the event NYC year is a fabulous idea. Billy thinks that it will be an easier "sell". Shawn thinks that it will be a helpful spacing time between events differently than is currently the case. Matt thinks that there is greater potential in bringing OrPac students with the change of event. Mike thinks the event has greater potential for faculty involvement outside the regular school.

Potential Negatives: The one time that RME was held outside of the regular school year, attendance was very low. Memorial Day weekend might be a tough time for the event when many people already have annual school and family engagements. Troy is concerned about the proximity to summer activities. Bill is concerned about the impact on quizzing if the event is held NYC years.

She asks, "What if we schedule it for the regular NYC timeframe?" Lucas is concerned about proximity to camps if done in July. Sherri thinks that the "Once in a lifetime" experience of NYC would be different than an annual field event, thus not being as big of a draw. Sherri points out that any drastic change will likely result in a drop, but if we are committed to it any way the course, it will build back up. Sherri would be concerned about The Call Conference being combined with this event. She thinks that the experience of The Call Conference from start to finish is so unique to a core group of students that it would be lost by another event.

David L. reminds that there is still value to having one "fun" event and one more serious conference. David L. reminds that moments of fun can still be had even at serious events. Troy is concerned about taking away a competition opportunity from those who enjoy it but are unable to compete at a top school level. Jana has heard that other fields are actually making money on their events. She is wondering what is drawing them, and what can we do to draw students to ours? Mike thinks that the best resource we could offer is training and teaching. Professors, coaches, etc. David L. raises the concern about how we would connect with those who benefit from the talent competition and scholarships that result.

h reported that Dave has decided to step away from the Third Wave Coordinator role. Troy will be assuming that role. ve has made this decision due to the responsibility of other family and DP duties.

people have applied for the four positions that are available. The original plan had been to try to interview people here in Event, but that won't be happening at this point. The applications are being uploaded to our dropbox file, and Council members will review them tonight so that we can take a vote tomorrow.

**Finance Report** presented by Troy Teeter  
referenced: 2013 Financial Report.xlsx

tion to accept (with necessary edits): Shawn Blenker Second: Matt Bissonnette Unanimously Accepted

**action item:** Rich to confirm travel expenses for NYC.

**action item:** Shawn will look into getting the difference between the amount raised and the amount spent for The Call Conference paid to the Field NYI from NNU.

tion: Trent moves that the NW Field will raise their obligation for The Call Conference expenses to \$500.  
ond: Mike Kipp. Unanimously Accepted

**action item:** Shawn and the Executive Council will explore and accept the NNU invested amount into The Call Conference.

**Budget Proposal** presented by Troy Teeter  
referenced: 2014 Financial Report.xlsx

tion to accept: Bill Buckholdt Second: Lucas Finch Unanimously Accepted

**action item:** Troy will check the EIN number at the bank to know how our account is set up.

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**Trainer's Report** presented by Mike Kipp  
Referenced: Trainer's Report April 2014.docx

tion to accept: Shawn Blenker Second: Sherri Walker unanimously accepted

ak for the evening.

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dinand Suite in Johnson Sports Center

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in attendance: Zach Carpenter, Sherri Walker, Jane Durham, Henry Miller, Steacy Bergeron, Fred Fullerton, Mike Kin

3 applicants are Ashlea Hancock, Ashley Wetzel, Elizabeth Cook, Izaak Lenn, Jereicah Suyat, and McKaylee Clark. Trent recommends that we spend a few minutes talking about each applicant and then have each council member write down notes that they think should be sent.

Moderated by **Jana Burnham** via Facetime.

Moderated by **Sherri Walker**.

Notes Collected.

Ashley Wetzel, Izaak Lenn, Jereicah Suyat, and McKaylee Clark were elected as our Third Wave representatives. The first alternate is Elizabeth Cook, and the second alternate is Ashlea Hancock.

Trent suggests that we appoint a Field NYC Coordinator to work with the District Coordinators and Field Council. Trent, Stacey Berggren, and Matt Bissonnette.

**Action Item:** All DPs need to email their District Coordinator information to Rich.

Turning to the future of NW Field NYI events . . .

3 consensus seems to be that we do not want to dissolve The Call Conference completely, but we could include a portion in our new event, too. Maybe have it every other year, with a youth worker retreat scheduled in the off years?

Moderated by **Stacey Berggren**.

Conversation about making The Call Conference self-sustaining.

We've gone back over a lot of the things we talked about previously. Rich will draft a proposal, and after lunch we will make decisions.

Break for lunch.

Moderated by **Fred Fullerton**.

Rich's office has offered to pay the airfare for the next offsite Women in Ministry Advocate for the next two years.

**Action Item:** Rich to look into setting up a tab or page on the website to highlight Women in Ministry.

Rich's thoughts on the revision plan: He was pastoring at ENC when that field changed their dates. Attendance plummeted and it was cancelled the next year. When they tried to bring it back the third year, they had terrible attendance. The event was eventually rebuilt, but it took about five years after the negative impact of the original date change.

**JU Update** provided by Shawn Blenker & Stacey Berggren

3 Referenced: NNU App Report 4-1-14.xlsx

A program that is currently being developed is called NNU Online. It is the outcome of a grant that has been received. It will allow students to receive a fully online degree.

turning to the NW Field NYI event conversation . . .

are looking into taking a poll of RME participants about various aspects of what the future event might look like.

Field Council Meetings: Beginning October 21, 2014, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Ending October 26, 2014 around 3:30 p.

Proposals: We will begin promoting the new event at 2014's RME. It is the consensus of the council to not hold a 2015 quizzing event. Quizzing will still take place, though. Spring 2016 would be the kickoff.

Options Between Options for Future Fall Event:

A. Memorial Day Weekend—10

B. July (early/mid?)—1

C. June Last Week—2

Between B & C: B—1, C—12

should set up sub-committees to help share the load of planning this event.

Meeting adjourned for the day

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Conference Room in Admissions Building

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Not in attendance: Zach Carpenter, Jana Burnham, Henry Miller, Stacey Berggren, Fred Fullerton, Mike Kipp

Brody Wade gave a devotional thought.

NYC2015: Check out the Prayer Wall at [nyc2015.com](http://nyc2015.com). Justin Pickard will be sharing at RME about NYC.

A NW Field's sister region is Asia Pacific.

Available dates for our new NW Field NYI event: Memorial Day Weekend, 1<sup>st</sup> Week of June (PALCON?), and all of July. Council as voted on was Memorial Day Weekend, so that's what we'll do. Beginning Friday afternoon or evening, and ending Saturday evening, giving Memorial Day as a travel day.

When we meet next Spring, we should keep things very structured so that we can really hammer out how to run this event

**Action Item:** Rich will find a facilitator for the Spring meetings to help keep things on track.

When we plan, we should look into options regarding subsidizing some expenses for those who travel the furthest and adding stipends for those who arrive early.

Rich wants to make sure that we don't kill the momentum for this year's event by the way we talk about the new event. Bill suggests that we use the terminology "Revisioning and Repurposing".

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nker, Billy Buisman, Sherri Walker**

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unds are very tight, especially with no event next Spring. Several scholarship recipients will likely look to be receiving the  
he fall. USA/Canada NYI cannot pay all of Rich's expenses for Third Wave.

**tion Item:** Trent is to plan on taking offerings at The Call for Third Wave.

offerings collected at RME for Third Wave came to be right about \$800.

ve Smith **motions** that of the Third Wave offering, we allocate \$200 each to the two council members (Troy and Rich) a  
10 each to the four participants.

**cond:** David LaFrenz. Motioned passed unanimously.

**tion Item:** Troy to send Shawn an invoice for the difference from The Call Conference that NNU is picking up. \$2182.7

at will next year's quizzing event look like? With speaker and music? Fees? When? Next year's RME was on the  
ents Calendar was the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**tion Item:** Rich will confer with Bill about Spring Quiz event.

act dates need to be confirmed with Events. Once they are, and once the Quiz Event is scheduled, we can schedule ou  
ing meetings.

erri closed the meetings with prayer.

nt motioned to adjourn. Second by Billy. Unanimously accepted.