



Accola Programs & Opportunities Committee
Monday, October 14, 2024; 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
In-person and via Zoom

Attendees: Kevin Berg; Karen Gervais; Fr. Larry Snyder; Colleen O'Malley, CSJ; Adele O'Sullivan, CSJ; Anne Weyandt

Staff: Matt Halley; Lacy Sietsema

Excused Absence: Anita S. Duckor, CSJ-C

Special Guests: Cindy Kaiser – SISU Consultant; Sarah Stoesz – SISU Consultant

The Accola Programs and Opportunities Committee convened in-person and online at 2:30 p.m.

Brief introductions were made between all committee members.

Prayer/DEI Statement: Anne read the DEI Statement and led the committee in prayer.

Minutes: The minutes from September were presented for approval. Hearing no changes or edits, Colleen moved and Karen seconded to approve the minutes. All present members voted to approve.

2024-2025 Committee Work Plan Statement – Review & Approve

The Board has asked each committee to draft a work plan statement. Anne reviewed a statement she has drafted for the Programs and Opportunities Committee. With committee approval, she will submit this statement to the Board. The committee approved the statement.

Wisdom Ways Assessment: Update & Next Steps

A brief review of the work being done with Wisdom Ways was given to the committee. The objectives of this project were discussed. Conversations are being had with key stakeholders to get an idea of what Wisdom Ways was and what it could be going forward.

Cindy reviewed the work that SISU is putting into this project. There will be a landscape scan and an interview guide. Listening sessions will also be held for the wider CSJ community.

The Programs and Opportunities Committee reviewed the interview plan and proposed questions. Each interview will take 60 minutes. Definitions for spirituality and social justice action will be discussed, as well as Wisdom Ways in relation to Accola and how Wisdom Ways is viewed organizationally. The list of stakeholders was reviewed.

The committee provided feedback on the interview questions and the interview process. There was a discussion about referencing feminist theology in the document.

It was suggested that Barbara Lund be included on the stakeholders list. She was influential in the Wisdom Ways community and people trust her.

There was a discussion about the structure of the listening sessions and the goals of these sessions.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 11. Anne asked the committee for a volunteer to lead the next prayer. Colleen volunteered to give the prayer.

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lacy Sietsema, Accola