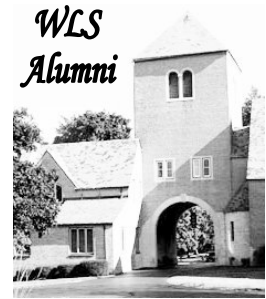


A Briefer History
of
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Alumni



In early 2006 Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary conducted a poll of WELS pastors concerning interest in a seminary alumni society. The poll results indicated strong interest. To organize the society, the seminary administration recruited an ad hoc committee of WLS graduates from a broad range of classes (every decade since the 1950s) and locations (six WELS districts). Pastor Richard Starr ('78) chaired the committee.

In mid-summer 2006 the committee began meeting by teleconference and gathered once in person in Mequon in conjunction with the September 2006 Seminary Symposium. By mid-winter the ad hoc committee had chosen a name, developed a constitution, and facilitated the election of officers by electronic poll. By spring 2007 the officers were meeting regularly by teleconference as an executive committee.

On September 17, 2007 seminary alumni gathered for the first annual meeting of WLS, held in the seminary chapel. They adopted the proposed constitution, ratified the actions of the executive committee, including the appointment of the WLS Alumni standing committees -- Auditing Committee, Nominating Committee, Membership Committee, and Investment and Grants Committee.

By constitution WLS Alumni exists "to further the bonds of friendship among its members and to encourage support of the mission of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary."