

**SOCIETY FOR REFORMATION RESEARCH
BOARD MEETING
21 October 2005, Atlanta, GA**

Meeting called to order by VP Raymond Mentzer at 12:25pm. Amy Nelson Burnett, President, could not attend because of a broken leg.

Minutes:

The minutes were approved with one correction. The city was inadvertently left off last year's minutes, we met in Toronto, ON. Moved by Susan Karant-Nunn. **Adopted Unanimously.**

Nominating Committee:

The slate of nominees for 2006 was discussed.

Vice President/President Elect – Carlos Eire (Yale)
Executive Council - Timothy Wengert (Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia)
Nominating Committee - P. Renee Baernstein (Miami University, Ohio)

Motion:

Henceforth, nominees to the offices of VP and President shall come from people who have shown substantial interest in the affairs of the Society and if not current members they must join.

Moved by Norman Jones, Seconded by Jeffrey Tyler. **Adopted Unanimously.**

The slate of candidates was then moved by Anne Jacobson Schutte, **Adopted with one nay.**

Paleography Course:

Summer 2006, the Society will again sponsor a paleography class hosted by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Please see attached flyer.

Membership & Treasurer Reports:

- Please see attached reports.
- Membership continues steady.
- Jeff Tyler asked the Society to consider what the true benefits of membership are. Why should we encourage young scholars to join and senior scholars to continue their membership?
- Janis and Jeff are coming to the end of their term. They will discuss continuing their work with the leadership at Hope College.
- Monetarily we are doing okay and we are no longer running in the red!
- One \$500.00 donation to the Chrisman Endowment fund was made. No separate account has been established yet. As more funds are donated, a separate account will be established.

Awards:

- The 2005 Chrisman Fellowship went to Jana Elizabeth Condie-Pugh for “Taming *Pazzia*: Madness in Early Modern Italy.” Ms. Condie-Pugh is a Ph.D. candidate at Northwestern University working under the direction of Professor Edward Muir.
- In 2006, we will award the Bodo Nischan Prize for Scholarship, Civility, and Service. Nominations may be forwarded to Ray Mentzer.

Archive for Reformation Research:

- See attached report.
- Submissions continue to be strong but they are always looking for more.
- The backlog of accepted submissions has shrunk and therefore the wait between acceptance and publication is more in line with other journals.
- The problems with the *Literaturbericht* continue. The American Editors, unfortunately, have no new information.
- Post-Confessional Reformation History is the theme for the 2006 edition.

SCSC Sessions:

- Susan Boettcher will assume duties as the SCSC program chair. She is looking for suggested topics and themes.

Kalamazoo Sessions:

- Rudy Almasy brought a report from the Kalamazoo Medieval Congress. They recognize the need to be more aggressive in connecting with the Society. A representative will attend SCSC from now on. They almost always focus on Reformation discourse and will seek to broaden their themes.

AHA Sessions:

- Raymond Mentzer will explore reestablishing the traditional AHA sessions.

Archives:

- Luther Peterson, Robert Kolb, and Robert Kingdon have both notified David Whitford and Jeffrey Tyler that they have lots of records for the Society. David and Jeff will try to find a permanent home for the archives. Our constitution and by-laws will be posted on our website, www.reformationresearch.org soon.

The Meeting Adjourned at 1:35pm.

**SOCIETY FOR REFORMATION RESEARCH
GENERAL MEETING
22 October 2005, Atlanta, GA**

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The motion from the Board was read and moved for adoption by the Society.

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Moved by Erik Midelfort, Seconded by Janis Gibbs. **Adopted Unanimously.**

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The Meeting Adjourned at 8:15am.