

Minutes of the Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL/ASOR Annual Meeting – May 8, 2010, 12:20 pm
University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia

Welcome and Announcements

- a. Linda Schearing called the meeting to order.
- b. Doug McGaughey welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the University of Victoria for hosting the event. Special thanks were given to Jordan Paper and Paul Bramadat of the Centre for Studies in Religion & Society.
- c. Nick Gier announced that the Sunday morning session of Asian and Comparative Studies has been cancelled.
- d. Doug McGaughey announced the number of registrants: SBL=53; AAR=78; ASOR=7

TOTAL = 161 registrants

Old Business

- a. The minutes of the April 25, 2009 meeting at Pacific Lutheran University were approved as written (distributed to the tables).
- b. Financial Reports: The treasurer's report (distributed to the tables) was approved as written.
- c. AAR National Report: Doug McGaughey reported that the AAR is still in the process of discussing the possible incorporation of the regions, but there are important legal and liability issues that are still being discussed. This reorganization will not affect the fiscal and fiduciary responsibilities of the national AAR and SBL with respect to their support of the regional meetings. A Task Force for the regions has been organized. Doug is representing the Western Regions. This Task Force plans to make a recommendation at the National AAR meeting in October of this year.
- d. SBL National Report: Ardy Bass attended the Regional Coordinators meeting at the national SBL in New Orleans last November. The main topic of discussion was the issue of incorporation, as discussed by Doug. This continues to be examined by the national SBL along with the AAR. The national SBL has also commissioned a Regions Task Force.
- e. Student Paper Competition: Rob Hauck reported that for the AAR, four undergraduate papers and one graduate paper were submitted. Two prizes were given to undergraduates and one to a graduate paper. For the SBL, there was one undergraduate paper and five graduate papers submitted. No undergraduate paper award was given; two graduate papers received co-awards. Rob asked for volunteers to be anonymous readers for the student paper competition. Rob thanked those who have served as readers and encouraged others to volunteer on the committee.

New Business

- a. Election of Officers: Priscilla Pope-Levison, Seattle Pacific University, chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked all who serve on the committee.

Norman Metzler of Concordia College in Portland, Oregon (AAR), the current vice-president, was elected as president 2010-2011. There were no more nominations from the floor. All were in favour.

Heidi Szpek of Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington (SBL) was nominated to be vice-president, president-elect. There were no more nominations from the floor. All were in favour.

Dennis Jowers of Faith Evangelical Seminary in Tacoma, Washington was elected chair of the Nominating Committee. There were no more nominations from the floor. All were in favour.

Eric Cunningham of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington and Kathlyn Breazeale of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington were elected to join the Nominating Committee. There were no more nominations from the floor. All were in favour.

- b. Meeting Venue 2011: The meeting will take place at the Spokane Campus of Eastern Washington University. Bonny Bazemore is the contact person. A date in May has not yet been finalized.
- c. By-laws ad-hoc committee report: Norman Metzler reported they are working to finalize a proposal for by-law changes that will be voted on at next year's meeting.
- d. Budget ad-hoc committee report: Dennis Jowers reported the committee is considering several ideas for distribution of our budget surplus. First on their list is an upgrade of our regional website. Another consideration, for example, is to offer funds for those traveling more than 500 miles to the meeting. A proposal will be submitted for consideration at next year's meeting.
- e. Executive Secretary Meeting Expenses as of 2012: A motion was put forward that the Pacific Northwest Region of the AAR/SBL & ASOR cover all travel and meeting expenses for the Executive Secretary to attend the regional meeting beginning in 2012. It was seconded and passed.

Future Meetings

- a. In 2012 we will be meeting west of the Cascades; a site has not yet been determined. Attendees were encouraged to consult with their institutions about hosting in 2012.

Adjournment

Linda Schearing adjourned the meeting at 12:54 pm. Approximately 60 people attended the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardy Bass