

Pacific Northwest Region AAR, SBL & ASOR  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
Marylhurst University, Portland, Oregon  
March 28, 2015

Susan Carter (president) presided over the meeting. The meeting was convened at 12:42 pm.

I. Announcements: Ardy Bass (executive secretary) announced a film offered by Study of Islam (not in the program).

II. Old Business

- a. Amy Donaldson (secretary) presented the minutes from the previous business meeting, and they were approved as printed in the program.
- b. Timothy Hyun reported on the student paper competition. There were 4 winners out of 15 submissions: 3 AAR papers (2 undergraduate, 1 graduate) and 1 SBL paper (graduate).
- c. Amy Donaldson (treasurer) presented the financial report. She presented the financial report submitted to AAR for the fiscal year ending June 2014 as well as the preliminary estimated financial report for 2014-15. She also briefly summarized how the finances were divided between the two separate (AAR and SBL) accounts. The financial report was approved as presented.
- d. Ardy Bass (SBL regional coordinator) announced our SBL regional scholar for 2014: Ian Wilson. There were no nominees for 2015.
- e. Ardy Bass presented the report from the national SBL. She explained that she has requested more funds from SBL, which has not yet been approved.
- f. Amy Donaldson (AAR regional coordinator) presented the report from the national AAR. She reported that the dates for the regional development grant have been changed. She also mentioned that AAR is looking for nominees for the excellence in teaching award, and she mentioned the Goodwin Prize student essay contest.
- g. Rupa Pillai (AAR regional student director) and Joshua Matson (SBL regional student representative) jointly reported on student activities at the conference. They have scheduled two student sessions at the regional meeting. They are trying to better connect with and provide resources for students.

III. New Business

- a. Michael Heiser, on behalf of the nominating committee, presented the following nominees for approval:

Sarah Koenig was nominated and unanimously approved to serve on the nominating committee.

Charles Scalise (vice president, SBL) was nominated and unanimously approved to serve as president.

Anne Moore (AAR) was nominated and unanimously approved to serve as vice president.

- b. Ardy Bass mentioned the need to find a nominee for the next executive secretary so that they can shadow her to learn the position. She also noted that the nominee should be male, in order to maintain gender balance on the executive committee.
- c. Ardy Bass reported that papers presented at the regional meeting are now eligible to be published in *Conversations with the Biblical World*, a peer-reviewed journal.
- d. Future meeting venues were announced:
  - 2016: University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, May 6-8
  - 2017: St. Mary's University, Calgary, Alberta, May 5-7
  - 2018: Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington (tentative)
  - 2019: A host is needed
- e. Amy Donaldson presented the executive committee's recommendation to provide \$500 travel and housing reimbursement for the SBL student regional representative to attend the regional meeting, provided that the expenses are not covered by institutional or outside funding. The recommendation was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.