

2013 MWSBL/AOS/ASOR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL
February 10, 2013

1. Approval of the minutes from the Feb. 12, 2012, meeting
Moved: Nancy Pardee
Second: P.Richard Choi
APPROVED

2. New Officer Nominations—AOS
Mark Chavalas for President
JoAnn Scurlock for Vice President (retaining also Secretary-Treasurer office)
Moved: Richard Averbeck
APPROVED

3. New officer Nominations—SBL
 - a. *Conversations with the Biblical World (Proceedings)*_ NT editor: Russell Sisson
Discussion
 1. we are creating two-year staggered terms for the OT and NT editors from our region in conjunction with the reorganization of the journal
 2. Russell Sisson presently is serving due to the resignation of Mark Whitters
 3. Pauline Viviano presently is our region's OT editor and will let MWSBL know if she wishes to be nominated to serve a two-year term to be elected at the 2014 business meetingMoved: Nancy Pardee
Second: Lowell Handy
APPROVED

 - b. official confirmation of P. Richard Choi as Vice President; Eric F. Mason as Regional Coordinator and to return to VP office when RC duties conclude (per May 2012 Executive Committee action; Troy Martin took over as interim coordinator of Student Religious Studies Conference at that time to replace Mason)
Moved: JoAnn Scurlock
Second: Richard Averbeck
APPROVED

 - c. Jeremy Miselbrook as coordinator of SRSC
Moved: Richard Averbeck
Second: JoAnn Scurlock
APPROVED

4. Financial report for AOS
JoAnn Scurlock presented the report
Moved to accept report: JoAnn Scurlock
Second: Lowell Handy
APPROVED

5. Financial report for SBL

Discussion

- i. SBL generates the report so we work under their rubrics; this report covers January-November 2012 so as to exclude funds received for registration for the 2013 meeting
- ii. We can do as we wish with the money
- iii. Explanation on the honoraria: not for plenary speakers, but for grad paper winners
- iv. Ann Fritschel received \$200 donation for region for 2013 meeting, which slightly affects honoraria figure
- v. Richard Choi suggested we still need to approve the expense side of the SBL report

Moved to accept report: Troy Martin

Second: JoAnn Scurlock

APPROVED

6. Student Religious Studies Conference report

Troy Martin reported 18 papers, 37 in attendance at lunch

Thanks offered to Eric F. Mason for developing the SRSC over the years

7. Resolutions

Richard Averbeck read a letter of thanks to ONU

Discussion

Mark Whitters suggested the letter go to publishers as well as ONU

Moved to accept letter with additional recipients: Mark Whitters

Second: Richard Averbeck

APPROVED

8. Graduate Student Paper Competition

- a. \$300 award for Lance Hawley, University of Wisconsin (OT/HB)
- b. No award for NT papers given this year

9. Regional Scholar Nomination

- a. 2012 nominee Trevor W. Thompson selected as national honoree
- b. 2013 nominee to be determined by RS committee (Ann Fritschel, Clare Rothschild, Eric F. Mason)—(winner Tung [Toan] Do selected after the meeting concluded)

10. Date and location for 2014 meeting and future plans

Discussion

- i. ONU for the next meeting, but a break for ONU for the following year would be nice
- ii. 2015 possibilities: Trinity (via Lawson Younger) or Valparaiso (via George Heider)
- iii. 2017 is AOS Regional Centennial, so it is a major event in AOS

Moved to accept ONU as location for Feb. 7-9, 2014, meeting: P. Richard Choi

Second: Lowell Handy/JoAnn Scurlock

APPROVED

11. Theme for next year: "Empire," selected by Ann Fritschel

12. Other business

- New *Conversations/Proceedings* contract for ATLAS: MWSBL will receive 25% of the royalties, with the possibility of more (pending active participation in the journal) when the contract is renewed in five years
- Decisions of Executive Council
- a. \$400 cash award for Regional Scholar honoree at regional level;
Discussion:
 1. As long as we have good funding, we should put a higher amount on the program over the grad paper award
 2. We are trying to encourage the younger scholars and this is a way to show it
- b. New policy on graduate student paper proposals—full paper necessary only the first time a graduate student seeks to present at MWSBL
- c. Reaffirmed practice of only two papers at a conference per member (or one grad student paper)
- d. Revised language for grad student paper competition (up to two awards, normally one OT/HB and one NT/EC, but reserve the right to make no awards)
- e. Affirmed existing Regional Coordinator terms length (presently two year term, renewable three times for MWSBL vs. proposal from national office of three-year terms, renewable twice)
- With the new process of online registration, we will add \$10 as a fee for late/on-site registration rates
- Since most of the meeting program is scheduled for Saturday, we wish to encourage participation in the entire three days of the program, and our registration fee is already low, we will eliminate the one-day registration rate
- Proposal by P. Richard Choi to exempt SBL coordinator from registration fees
Moved to accept P. Richard Choi's proposal: P. Richard Choi
Second: Nancy Pardee
APPROVED

Lowell Handy moved to adjourn

Minutes taken by Mark Whitters, with clarifications by Eric F. Mason