

2017 MIDWEST REGION SBL/AOS/ASOR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana

February 11, 2017

1. Approval of the minutes from the February 2016 meeting—**approved**

2. Officer Nominations—all for two-year terms

Midwest SBL—**approved**

- *Conversations with the Biblical World* journal HB editor (second term)—Lowell Handy

- *Conversations with the Biblical World* journal NT editor (first term)—Genevive Dibley

AOS—**not presented**

3. Financial report for AOS—**approved**

4. Financial report for SBL—**approved**

5. Student Religious Studies Conference report—**successful conference with 17 presentations and about 55 in attendance**

6. Graduate Student Paper Competition (\$300 prizes)—**winners announced as Stephen A. Long, University of Notre Dame (HB/ANE) and Nicholas A. Elder, Marquette University (NT/EC)**

7. Regional Scholar Nominations (\$400 regional prize; advance for national consideration)—**five candidates [Chontel Fox, University of Notre Dame, announced as winner after the conference concluded]**

8. Date, location, and theme for 2018 meeting and future plans

- location and date (Feb. 2–4 or 9–11) TBD—**options are Saint Mary's and Olivet Nazarene; SBL officers entrusted to secure location after input from business meeting participants, future regional online survey, and discussion with possible hosts**

- theme is “Religion in, of, and around the Bible,” selected by SBL president Jeffrey Stackert

- plenary speakers are Bernadette Brooten and Simeon Chavel

- SBL Regional Spotlight speaker is Troy W. Martin

- SBL Book Review topic TBD

- we need a candidate for SBL regional coordinator to be elected in 2018—**region voted to pay for coordinator's lodging at regional meeting (effective this year) as an incentive**

9. Resolution—**to be prepared by Richard Averbeck**

10. Other Business—**none**

Meeting adjourned.