

**SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
**Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C.**  
**January 12, 2002**

1. Call to Order

President Gene Outka called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

2. Appointment of the Secretary Pro-tem

President Outka announced the appointment of Richard Sparks as Secretary Pro-tem.

3. Appointment of the Parliamentarian

President Outka announced the appointment of Jean Porter as Parliamentarian.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of our 2001 Business Meeting were approved as submitted.

5. Commemoration of Deceased Members

Vice-President William F. May read a commemoration for George Younger. [It was noted to the Chair that Waldo Beach also had died in 2001-02. Member Eric Mount agreed to craft a commemoration for later insertion.]

6. New Members Roll Call

President Outka welcomed 62 new members and congratulated 7 others on their change in status from student to full member. The names and institutional affiliations of these members were distributed to attendees as they entered the meeting. Those in attendance at the Vancouver Convention were called by the President and acknowledged by all present.

7. Greetings from Sister Society

Sven Andersen brought the SCE greetings from the *Societas Ethica* in Europe.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee/Elections

Timothy Jackson (chair) acknowledged the members of the Nominating Committee: Terence Anderson, Lisa Sowle Cahill, Diana Fritz Cates, and Darryl Trimiew. There being no further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

William F. May succeeded to President.

June E. O'Connor was elected Vice-President.

Marcia Riggs, David H. Smith, Edward C. Vacek were elected as new board members.

9. Presidential Appointments and Announcements

President Outka announced:

- a. The appointment of the new Nominating Committee for 2002: Cristina Traina, Riggins Earle, Jean Porter, Robin Lovin, and John Bowlin.
- b. The African and African-American Working Group has been established and had its first meeting during Concurrent Session II at this Vancouver convention. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Rosetta Ross, and Darryl Trimiew have agreed to be its conveners and have submitted a preliminary proposal to the SCE Board.
- c. a Task Force has been formed to examine how the SCE might relate to the newly formed Society of Jewish Ethics (SJE) and, based on their findings, to make recommendations to the SCE President and Board. For the SCE: Harlan Beckley, Robin Lovin, and Sondra Wheeler; for the SJE: Ron Green, Louis Newman, and Laurie Zoloth.
- d. A Writer's Group has been formed to encourage constructive new work among younger scholars and to provide mentors for them. Cristina Traina, John Langan, Steward Herman, William George, Dianne Yeager, and Cynthia Moe-Lobeda have agreed to work on a planning committee for this project.
- e. The appointment of Charles Reynolds as Chair of the yet-to-be-selected Development Committee.
- f. the appointment of the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) as follows: Rebekah Miles (Chair), Daniel McGee, and Eric Mount, each for 3 year terms; Emilie Townes and Allen Verhey, each for 2 year terms.
- g. That the Board had discussed the recommendations in Item 14 from the 2001 Annual Business Meeting, namely, the need for legal liability insurance for members of the Board, particularly as it relates to the Grievance Procedure. It has been determined: (1) Executives and Directors Liability Insurance must be secured to protect the Society and those who serve on its Board; (2) In order to obtain such insurance, modifications in the wording of the present Grievance Procedure are required; and (3) the Board has modified item D.5. of the section titled "Procedure for Reporting and Processing Complaints" accordingly. These revisions, modeled on the procedures of the AAR, should allow the SCE to secure the needed insurance policy. Further modifications, if necessary, will be considered by the Executive Committee at its Spring 2002 meeting. [PCC Chair Rebekah Miles was invited to comment on the reasons for this action.]

10. Executive Director's Report

- a. Membership Update: Including our newest members, current SCE membership stands at 1026. The breakdown is as follows: Full members (704), Retired members (111), Life members (24), Student members (146), Status Unclear in SCE file (41). These latter 41 are being contacted for clarification.
- b. Vancouver Convention: 318 registered, 293 of these are SCE members. 27 spouses are also registered. 42 papers of 82 proposals to present were accepted (51%). [J. Philip Wogaman commended those responsible for bringing the SCE to Canada. Given Canadian membership from the beginning, this return visit seems apropos.]
- c. Financial Report: See (1) Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements April 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000, and (2) Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2002. These were compiled by our SCE Accountant and distributed to those attending as they entered the meeting.
- d. Website Update: Currently the SCE Website ([www.scethics.org](http://www.scethics.org)) is very basic.

**Public area** of the site will contain a description of the SCE, SCE By-Laws, a list of Officers, Board Members, Co-editors and Board of *The Annual*, contact information, a membership application form, annual dues information and form, as well as annual meeting information in some detail.

**A secured site** has been created but not yet introduced. It will be password protected, with the password available to SCE members-in-good-standing. It has the potential to include more private intra-SCE information and data as well as affording some opportunity for intra-society dialogue and conversation. Once operational, the policies for use of the secured area, approved by the SCE Board, will be posted there.

- e. Next Meeting: will be held January 9-12, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh International Airport. It was requested that, in general, we try to avoid airport hotel locations, a suggestion with which the Executive Director concurred.

11. Amendments to SCE By-Laws related to *The Annual* & SCE Publications in general

The Board already had unanimously approved amendments to the By-Laws -- Article III, Section 1; Article IX, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. A copy of these sections, including the proposed amendments, was distributed to all attendees as they entered the meeting. After a careful discussion and clarification by those involved, the amendments to each section were approved by a unanimous vote of the SCE members present.

12. Report on the *Journal of Religious Ethics* (JRE)

Sumner B. Twiss presented the report. He and John Kelsay are co-editors. The offices for the JRE have been moved to Florida State University.

13. Report on the CSSR

Glen Stassen presented the report.

14. Old Business

None

15. New Business

Having consulted with the President and Board, and in light of material presented during this Vancouver convention, member Terence Anderson offered a Petition on "The Residential Schools Issue," which individual SCE members were asked to sign, if they so choose. The petition encourages the Canadian and provincial governments to continue negotiations in earnest to resolve the justice questions.

16. Adjournment

President Outka thanked the outgoing members of the Board and closed the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Sparks  
Secretary Pro-tem 2002