

SCE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, January 7, 2012
11:00AM – 12:30PM

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by President Stanley Hauerwas at 11:08.
 - a. Timothy F. Sedgwick was appointed Secretary pro-tem.
 - b. Jean Porter was appointed Parliamentarian.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Saturday, January 8, 2011, were approved as distributed with the following corrections: Don Browning's name among the deceased members was misspelled and corrected from Donald to Don. In the President's report, Chris Gramwell's name was misspelled and changed from Grambell to Gramwell.
3. **Nominating Committee M.** Therese Lysaught introduced the candidates for election. A motion was made to close the nominations and was approved unanimously. Ballots were distributed.
4. **Commemoration of Deceased Members:** The following persons offered reflection in commemoration of the following deceased members:
 - Alan Geyer - died November 28, 2011 (Philip Wogaman)
 - Russell Connors – died July 5, 2011 (Patrick McCormick)
 - John H. Cartwright – died April 22, 2011 (Peter Paris)
 - George Forell – died April 2011 (Diana Cates)
 - John J. O'Brien CP – died October 2010 (Charles Curran)
 - Albert C. Saunders – died June 9, 2011 (Doug Ottati)The President announced the following members who have died in recent years.
 - Roy Enquist – died April 13, 2010
 - Donald Jones – died April 2009
 - Karl Hartzell – died Dec 2008
 - William Stemper – died Nov 2008
5. **President's Report – Stanley Hauerwas**
 - a. The President welcomed Robert Song from the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics and invited him to address the Society. Robert Song gave greetings from Britain and invited members to come to the 2012 meeting of the Society.
 - b. The President welcomed Jan Jans from the Societas Ethica. Jan Jans gave greetings from the Society and invited members to consider attending the 2012 meeting of Societas Ethica on ethics and migration. He suggested members check out the program on the website.
 - c. The President asked new full members to stand and then asked student members and those with transferred status to stand. The members of the Society welcomed them with applause.
 - d. The President reported that the Thursday board meeting was full. The Board made no resolutions for the Society to address. He indicated that they did talk with members from Hyatt regarding matters of labor relations. He indicated that some members of the Society had motions they wanted to present. Parliamentarian Jean Porter indicated that motions needed to be presented in writing and seconded at the time of new business. Diane Yaeger read a resolution that was passed by the Board thanking Michael Cartwright, Allen Verhey, Diane Yeager, and Brent Laytham for their work on the SCE-Society of Biblical Literature joint venture which has now ended.
 - e. The President indicated his own view of the need to address the future of the state of Christian Ethics. He proposed and the Board approved the establishment of a 2020 Task Force on the State of Christian Ethics which Charles Mathewes agreed to chair.
 - f. Charles Mathewes addressed the Society. The Committee, he indicated, was to have its initial meeting in the afternoon. The Committee has yet to meet and discuss its charge. He indicated, however, his own sense that the Committee needs (i) to collect data regarding members, including who they are, where they were educated, and where they are "going"; and (ii) to address where the Society should be going. Members of the committee presently are Charles Mathewes (chair), Stanley Hauerwas, Jennifer Herdt, Angela Sims, Victor Carmona, Jean Porter, Miguel De La Torre, Peter Paris, David Gushee, Gary Dorrien, Rebecca Todd Peters, Gloria Albrecht, Grace Kao, Willis Jenkins, and Elizabeth Hinton-Hasty.
6. **Vice President's Report – Miguel De La Torre**

The President invited the Vice President to address the Society.

 - a. The Vice President indicated that the Society was in search for new co-editors for the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*.
 - b. The Vice President announced that the 2013 program was to be focused on "social ethics from the margins." Professors George Tinker and James Cone have been asked and have accepted the invitation to be plenary speakers at the 2013 meeting.
 - c. The Vice President announced that new appointments had been made to committees:

- i. Nominating Committee: Gloria Albrecht (Chair/Bd rep), Ki Joo (KC) Choi, RJ Hernandez, Ruben Rosario-Rodriguez, Keri Day
- ii. Executive Committee: Miguel De La Torre, VP, Stanley Hauerwas, Grace Kao, Mary Jo Iozzio, Patricia Beattie Jung, Jermaine McDonald
- iii. Program Committee: Miguel De La Torre, VP, Stanley Hauerwas, Grace Kao, Mary Jo Iozzio, Patricia Beattie Jung, Jermaine McDonald
- iv. Finance Committee Chair: Jennifer Beste

7. **Treasurer's report – Brian Matz**

The President invited Brian Matz to give the treasurer's report.

- a. The Board approved the report as distributed with one change. He noted some specifics. The 2011 meeting was profitable, and the *Journal* income dropped in 2011. Given this income comes late, often following the conclusion of the fiscal year, it was decided that it will be recorded in the future in the year received. This change was made in 2011. He also noted that given the decision to draw five percent from the Society's equities for current expenses, costs for the annual meeting were reduced this year.

8. **Executive Director's Report – Stacey Floyd-Thomas**

The President invited Stacey Floyd Thomas to give the Executive Director's report.

- a. The Executive Director indicated the record-breaking number of persons attending this meeting. She indicated her goal was to find sites that are attractive, to increase participation, and to lower costs for attendance. She indicated as well the importance of identifying sites relevant to matters of ethics and not to meet at airport hotels. The Board also continues its conversation regarding the time of the meeting. She also indicated that she and the Board were taking seriously matters of labor at the hotels and making the SCE site as full and useful as possible.
- b. The Executive Director indicated that the annual meeting site for 2013 was the Chicago Hilton Hotel and for 2014 was the Seattle Westin Hotel.
- c. Don Shriver spoke from the floor. He indicated that he was prepared to offer a resolution for the Society to address further labor relations on hotel sites. Given discussion and the work of the Executive Director and the Board, he averred, this might not be needed. Broad discussion followed. Laurie Zoloff, representing the Society of Jewish Ethics, indicated that SJE had prepared a report on labor relations at the Hyatt in Boston in light of which a proposal on site selection will be brought to the Board of SCE. Discussion followed including questions of considering having SCE meetings at unionized hotels given labor relations not only at those hotels but in the other hotels within the hotel chain-at-large. The Executive Director spoke about site visitations and the surveys conducted, including such matters as the percent of gratuities that go to workers. She indicated that a further review of criteria for site selections was to be done, that these matters were taken very seriously, and that she would make a report to the Society at the 2013 meeting.
- d. Norman Faramelli spoke from the floor. He spoke of the importance of labor relations and the matter of unjust dismissals in both union as well as non-union hotels, thus making policies regarding dismissals and important criteria in considering hotels for future meetings. The Executive Director indicated that she encouraged communications to her office about these matters. The President concluded by indicating that members of labor had been invited to come to the Board meeting but could not come because they were involved in labor negotiations.

9. **Report from Professional Conduct Committee**

The President indicated that there were not incidences reported to the committee.

10. **Report from the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* – Patricia Beattie Jung**

- a. Patricia Beattie Jung reported that the *Journal* ran a \$5,500 surplus for the year and that they continue to extend the availability of the *Journal* through library on-line sources.
- b. George Crowell spoke on behalf of John Cobb who has organized a meeting on ethics and monetary policy at Claremont on April 10-12. Anyone interested can contact John Cobb or George Crowell.
- c. The President asked that the Society express their thanks to the work of Patricia Beattie Jung and Mary Jo Iozzio for their work as co-editors of the *Journal*. The Society responded with an applause.

11. **Election Results**

M. Therese Lysaught reported the results of the Board elections

- a. President: Miguel De La Torre
- b. Vice President: Allen Verhey
- c. Board members: Lois Malcolm, Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, and Emily Reimer-Barry

- 12. The President called to the podium Miguel De La Torre as the new President. The new President asked Stanley Hauerwas to join him. He awarded him on behalf of the society a society pin and thanked him for a job well done. He then adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy F. Sedgwick