

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
THE SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL  
CINCINNATI, OHIO  
JANUARY 11, 1997

1. Call to Order: The annual business meeting was called to order by President Charles Reynolds at 3:48 p.m.
2. Secretary Pro-Tem: President Reynolds named Theresa Moser secretary pro tem.
3. Announcements: There were no announcements.
4. Report of the Nominating Committee/Elections: The report of the nominating committee (William Schweiker [chair], Diana Cates, Bruce Grelle, Robin Lovin, Susan Ross), which had been mailed to the membership, was then presented.

The nominee for president was Lisa Sowle Cahill.

There being no other nominations from the floor, the membership present cast a unanimous ballot for Lisa Sowle Cahill, electing her president.

Nominees for vice president were June O'Connor and Ronald Green. There were no nominations from the floor. In the balloting which followed Ronald Green was elected vice president.

Nominees for the Board of Directors were Harlan Beckley, Toinette Eugene, Vigen Guroian, G. Simon Harak, and Timothy Jackson. In the balloting which followed, Harlan Beckley, Toinette Eugene, and Vigen Guroian were elected to the Board of Directors for four-year terms.

5. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Dennis McCann then presented his report.

New Members: Executive Director McCann introduced those present whose application for membership had been approved (A list of new members is attached).

Full Members: Executive Director McCann read the list of those who had been advanced to full membership (A list is attached).

Life Members: Executive Director McCann reviewed the criteria for life membership as found in the by-laws, section 3, article 3. (A list is attached).

Financial Report: Dennis McCann then presented the financial report. He noted that as of December 31, 1996, the Society had \$79,301.41 in its checking account and \$24,425.26 in its Money Market account. He also noted that the projected budget for the 1998 Annual Meeting should be \$30,000, not \$35,000. (A copy of the Financial Report is attached).

Membership Statistics: Dennis McCann reported that there were 403 registered for the Annual Meeting. As of January 11, 1997, there were 833 active members of the Society. Active members are those whose dues payments are current.

Next Meetings: Dennis McCann announced that the 1998 Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Colony Square in Atlanta, Georgia, January 9th-11th. The 1999 Annual Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Airport Hotel in San Francisco, January 8th-10th.

6. Presentation of By-Laws Amendments: President Charles Reynolds then introduced and read the proposed amendment to the by-laws (The text is attached). He recognized Jean Porter (Notre Dame) who spoke in favor of the proposed amendment. The amendment passed.

President Reynolds then introduced a resolution of the Women's Caucus concerning the policy on sexual harassment which is to be transmitted to the Board of Directors. No revisions were allowed, and no action was required (The text is attached). President Reynolds also introduced the members of the committee (Jean Porter [chair], John Cartwright, Patricia Jung and Doug Ottati, to whom allegations of harassment should be submitted.

7. Report on the Annual: John Kelsay, co-editor with Sumner Twiss, reported. He thanked Harlan Beckley, previous editor, for his assistance with the transition, and the referees for their contribution. He also reminded the members that the Annual needs an increase in institutional subscriptions.

8. Report on the JRE: Diane Yeager, editor, reported that 1997 will see the publication of the 25th volume of the Journal of Religious Ethics. She suggested that there be a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the JRE at the 1998 meeting.

There is now a JRE home page on the Web (<http://www.georgetown.edu/ethics/jre>) which has a searchable cumulative index with abstracts of articles. The editorial board of the JRE has recently decided to add new features to the Journal, specifically a letters, notes, comments section. Editor Yeager encouraged the submission of contributions of up to 2,500 words to this section.

9. Report on the Journal of Law and Religion: Howard Vogel thanked the members of the SCE for their support of the Journal since its founding 13 years ago. He is working on the construction of a web site with a complete index, but noted that it is not yet fully searchable. Steps are being taken to diversify the editorial board of the Journal so as to make it more international and include more representation from women. Contributors are needed for a forthcoming issue on assisted suicide.

10. Report on the CSSR: President Charles Reynolds announced that John Cartwright is the new president of the CSSR. All members of the Society receive a subscription to Religious Studies Review and the Bulletin with their dues. The new editors of the Bulletin are (CORRECTION HERE) Charles Reynolds and John Cartwright. The SCE representative to the CSSR is Executive Director Dennis McCann. A web site is being developed, and it is hoped that it will include links to the home pages of all the constituent societies. ADD WEB SITE ADDRESS

11. Commemoration of Deceased Members: President Reynolds announced that Glenn Hewitt, a student of James Gustafson, had died in Maryville, Tennessee, at the age of 40. John Burgess gave the commemoration.

12. Announcements: Barbara Andolsen invited the members to join the Society for Business Ethics. Ronald Green is the President and membership includes the Society's Journal.

Tim Sedgwick [chair] urged the members to suggest the names of possible nominees to the Nominating Committee, which includes Lois Dalley, Susan Ross, Steven Pope and Harlan Beckley.

13. Adjournment: The agenda of the Annual Business Meeting being completed, President Reynolds declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Theresa Moser  
Secretary pro-tem