

**Annual Business Meeting
Society of Christian Ethics
January 10, 1998**

1. Call to Order.

President Lisa Cahill called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

2. Appointment of Secretary Pro-Tem and Parliamentarian.

President Cahill announced the appointment of Theresa Moser as secretary pro-tem and of John Boyle as parliamentarian.

3. Commemoration of Deceased Members.

President Cahill read the names of the members of the Society of Christian Ethics who had died during the past year:
(Please supply the names, as I was unable to get this information).

4. Memorial for John Howard Yoder.

Stanley Hauerwas read a memorial for John Howard Yoder, a prominent member of the Society who had passed away suddenly during the previous year.

There were no additional memorials for deceased members.

5. Announcements.

Executive Director Dennis McCann made several announcements:

- There are 421 persons registered for the meeting. Membership in the Society is growing-- there are currently 914 members in good standing.
- Gene Outka, Gilbert Meilander and Jean Porter have completed their terms on the Board. McCann thanked them for their service, and also SCE staff members Leslie McCann and Dean Allen for their help during the past year.
- Toinette Eugene, who was elected to the Board at the 1997 meeting, has resigned to take a new position as Director of the African American Pastoral Center in the Diocese of Oakland, California. The Board accepted her resignation with regret. Timothy Jackson of Emory University, who had received the next number of votes, was appointed by the Board to fill the remaining two years of Toinette's term.
- The 1999 meeting will be in San Francisco. The Call for Papers will be mailed at the end of January. The Executive and Program Committees will meet in April. The

Board encourages proposals in memory of John Howard Yoder, but otherwise the format will remain the same.

- McCann read the names of the new members of the Society who had been voted to Associate or Full membership by the Board.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee/Elections.

President Lisa Cahill received the report of the Nominating Committee from Tim Sedgwick, Chair.

- There being no other nominations for President, nominations were closed and Ronald Green was elected by acclamation.
- There being no other nominations for Vice President, nominations were closed.

Those nominated were:

Robin W. Lovin	(98 votes)	Elected Vice President
John H. Cartwright	(71 votes)	

- There being no other nominations for membership on the Board, nominations were closed. Three new Board members were chosen. Those nominated were:

Ismael Garcia	(73 votes)	
Emilie M. Townes	(114 votes)	Elected to the Board
Christina L. Traina	(97 votes)	Elected to the Board
Edward C. Vacek, S.J.	(93 votes)	
Alan Verhey	(113 votes)	Elected to the Board

- President Cahill announced the members of next year's Nominations Committee: Steven Pope, Darryl (*last name?*), Maura Ryan, David *Schmidt*, Jerry McKinney.

7. Executive Director's Report.

Dennis McCann presented the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year April 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998 (*see attached*).

President Cahill asked for a motion to approve the proposed budget. It being so moved and seconded, the budget was approved by acclamation.

McCann thanked the members for the high rate of return of the membership survey. He reminded those present to complete the program evaluation sheet, which is helpful in planning future annual meetings.

8. Interim Report of the Task Force on Professional Standards.

William Everett presented the Interim Report of the Task Force on Professional Standards. No decisions were called for at this time. Comments from the floor

were varied, but several expressed concern with the wording of the paragraph beginning “We declare that some behaviors....” Dr. Everett asked that suggestions for revision be given to him in writing.

President Cahill reminded the members that the on-going work on professional standards is conceived in terms of three committees:

- 1) an interim Grievance Committee (3-year term), initially chaired by Jean Porter, now to be chaired by Patricia Beattie Jung;
- 2) the Task Force on Professional Standards (2-year term), with a mandate to develop a positive statement on professional standards, gather information from other societies (e.g., the AAR) on policies and procedures, and to keep in touch with the interim Grievance Committee);
- 3) a possible 3rd committee to develop procedures for dealing with violations.

No decision has been made at this time if this 3rd committee will be constituted, and no members have been appointed to it.

9. Report on the Annual.

Sumner Twiss and John Kelsey are co-editors of the Annual. Sumner Twiss reported that all is going well. New features in the recent volume include the addition of volume numbers (for the benefit of libraries) and the publication of abstracts at the beginning of articles.

10. Report on the JRE.

Diane Yeager noted that Volume 25 has just been published. In celebration, the JRE sponsored a forum on human rights which was held prior to the opening of the Convention and a 25th anniversary reception after the Business meeting. She thanked the authors, editors and peer reviewers and added that future volumes will include a section for letters and comments from readers.

11. Report on the Journal of Law and Religion.

No Report was given at the Business Meeting.

12. Report on the CSSR.

Dennis McCann attended the meeting of the CSSR in St. Louis. The Bulletin, after a brief hiatus, is again being published. There will be a modest increase in the assessment fee, but this will not affect SCE membership dues. The CSSR now has a web address: www.CSSR.org

13. New Business.

There was no new business.

Executive Director McCann announced that the 1999 meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Airporter in San Francisco January 8, 9, and 10. The 2000 meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Washington, D.C.

14. President Lisa Cahill closed the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

New President Ronald Green accepted the gavel and thanked Lisa for her outstanding service as President.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Moser, RSCJ
Secretary Pro-Tem