

Minutes
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, January 7, 2006
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

1. Call to Order.

President Porter called the meeting to order at

2. Appointment of Secretary Pro-tem.

William George was appointed Secretary Pro-tem.

3. Appointment of Parliamentarian.

Timothy O'Connell was appointed Parliamentarian.

4. Approval of Minutes of Saturday, January 9, 2005.

The Minutes of the 2005 Annual Business Meeting were approved.

5. Commemoration of Deceased Members.

Lisa Cahill offered a memorial for Bill Spohn. Darryl Trimiew read a memorial written by Ted Weber honoring Clinton Gardner. Stewart Herman offered a memorial for Paul Abrecht.

President Porter asked if members knew of other deceased members. No further names were brought forward.

6. New Members Recognition.

President Porter welcomed the new members to the Society, as well as those who have transferred from student to full-term membership. Each group stood and received the welcome of the members of the Society.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers.

Audrey Chapman came forward to give the report of the Nominating Committee and to conduct the election of officers. She began by thanking the members of the Nominating Committee: William McDonough, Susan Ross, Daryl Trimiew, and Allen Verhey.

Chapman read the slate as published and then invited nominations from the floor. No nominations were made. Nominations were closed, and ballots were distributed to those members in good standing who were in attendance – including those newly elected to membership. Members of the Nominating Committee collected all ballots and began the counting. The meeting continued.

Later in the Meeting the results of the elections were announced as follows:

William Werpehowski succeeded to the position of President.

Christine E. Gudorf was elected Vice-President.

Diana Fritz Cates, Miguel A. De La Torre, and Christine Pohl were elected to the Board.

Audrey Chapman, on behalf of Society, thanked all those who stood for election. The Society also expressed its gratitude for the service of the outgoing members of the Board: David H. Smith, Marcia Y. Riggs, and Edward C. Vacek.

8. President's Report.

a. Appointments and announcements

A nominating committee has been appointed. Thomas Massaro will serve as chair. The other committee members are Eric Gregory, Marilyn Martone, Stacy Floyd-Thomas, and Gerald McKenney.

1) Professional Conduct Committee Report

Rebekah Miles submitted a report indicating that there were no cases calling for the Committee's review during the past year.

The designated persons to be notified of any charge of professional misconduct are Rebekah Miles, Emilie Townes, and Allen Verhey. These persons serve until the annual meeting in 2007.

2) The Board has appointed Stewart Herman as Executive Director to succeed Regina Wolfe, whose term will end on June 30, 2006. In accordance with the By-laws, the membership was invited to confirm the appointment, which it so did with a unanimous vote. [Note: a majority of members present and in good standing is required.]

President Porter thanked Regina Wolfe on behalf of the Society for her years of outstanding service, and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Society. The President listed among Regina's numerous contributions oversight of the Twenty-first Century Report, the mainstreaming of membership, and development of the annual meeting program.

3) The Board has appointed Mary Jo Iozzio and Patricia Beattie Jung as Co-editors of the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* effective at the end of this meeting. In accordance with the By-laws, the membership was invited to confirm the appointment, which it so did with a unanimous vote. [Note: a majority of members present and in good standing is required.]

The President thanked current Co-editors, Christine Gudorf and Paul Lauritzen for their outstanding contributions, which included a change in the *Journal's* cover, the addition of another issue each year, the development of a book reviews section, and the introduction of advertisements. Christine and Paul accepted gifts presented on behalf of the Society.

b. Other business.

- 1) President Porter recognized Ed Long, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a member of the Society.

9. Executive Director's Report.

- a. Financial Report. A Statement of the financial position and a statement of financial activities for the financial years ending June 30, 2004 and 2003 were distributed. The financial reports were received without questions by the members present.
- b. Membership Update. The Executive Director provided the following information concerning membership and dues.

Year	2004	2005	2006*
Status			
Full	663	760	726
Student	207	208	183
Retired	108	106	102
Life	23	23	22
Inactive	106	170	
Total	1107	1267	1033

*The apparent drop was due to a review of the

membership rolls. Members who had not paid their dues were pruned. The policy is that members are considered "inactive" if dues are not paid by February 28 of each year; thereafter they do not receive the *Journal* or other mailings of the SCE.

Excluding the new members and life members, who do not pay dues, there are 939 current members. Of those, 517, or 55%, have yet to pay current year dues.

- c. Meeting attendance. The Executive Director announced that 365 people preregistered for the 2006 meeting. The meeting had a total of 424 attendees, the largest number for a meeting held at a venue other than Chicago.
- d. Future meeting venues were announced as follows:

2007 Dallas – Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion Tower
 2008 Atlanta – Hyatt Regency Atlanta on Peachtree Street
 2009 Chicago – Hyatt Regency Chicago on Wacker Drive

The Executive Director thanked members for booking rooms early and noted that because the block was filled early, she was able to work with the hotel to increase the room block to accommodate more people at the conference rate. She strongly urged them to continue to do so.

10. Report on the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*. The co-editors of the *Journal* reviewed changes in recent years. These included a new name, a revised cover, production of two rather than one issue per year, the addition of a book review section, the inclusion of the *Journal* in *ATLA*, and the move from camera-ready to typeset copy. The co-editors emphasized that changes would be assessed by a committee of the Society. The co-editors discussed briefly the paper and session review process, emphasizing the need for timely pick-up of packets and return of reviews. They thanked the Society for the opportunity to serve as co-editors of the *Journal*.

11. Old Business.

There was no old business.

12. New Business.

President Jean Porter presented a motion to amend the By-laws of the Society to create the position of Treasurer. The motion along with the rationale for the proposed change was submitted to the membership in the call to meeting as required by the By-laws. Porter reported that the Board had considered the motion at its meeting on Thursday and took a consultative vote and recommends that the membership adopt the motion. After discussion, the question was called. The motion passed.

President Porter acknowledged the service of Linda Schreiber, who worked as the assistant to the Executive Director, and announced her appointment to the position of Associate Executive Director. It was also announced that a new treasurer for the Society has yet to be identified, but that Regina Wolfe would serve in this capacity for one year.

13. Adjournment.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William P. George

Secretary Pro-tem, 2006