

SOCIETY FOR REFORMATION RESEARCH
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
25 OCTOBER 2013, SAN JUAN

MINUTES

Present were Rudy Almasy, Megan Armstrong, Kathryn Edwards, Brad Gregory, A. Katie Harris, R. Ward Holder, Susan Karant-Nunn, Ralph Keen, Emmet McLaughlin, Anne Jacobson Schutte, David Whitford, Randall Zachman, Thomas Kaufmann, and Anselm Schubert.

Meeting began 12:16 pm.

Susan Karant-Nunn welcomed the committee members and introduced our guests: Thomas Kaufmann, president of the Verein für Reformationsgeschichte, and Anselm Schubert, head of local arrangements for the 2017 joint SRR/VRG meeting.

1. Approval of 2012 Minutes (Susan Karant-Nunn)--minutes attached

Ward Holder moved that the minutes be approved; Randall Zachman seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Nominating Committee Report (Anne Jacobson Schutte)--report attached

Anne Jacobson Schutte noted the following slate of candidates to be approved at the Business Meeting on October 26, 2013:

- President Elect/Vice-President (2014-15) and President (2016-17): Karin Maag (Calvin College and the Meeter Center for Calvin Studies)
- Treasurer (2014-16): Robert Christman (Luther College)
- Membership Secretary (2014-16): Victoria Christman (Luther College)
- Executive Council (2014-17): Wietse de Boer (Miami University of Ohio)
- Nominating Committee (2014-16): Janis Gibbs (Hope College)

Susan Karant-Nunn stressed the contributions Karin Maag has made towards Reformation Studies and this Society.

Ward Holder was introduced as the chair of the Nominating Committee for 2014.

There was discussion over the need for a new Recording Officer since Kathryn Edwards's 4-year term ends at the end of 2014. Both Susan Karant-Nunn and Ward Holder urged the committee members to start thinking of possible candidates. Kathryn Edwards summarized the procedures that are in place to ease the transition and offered to help the new Recording Officer. Susan Karant-Nunn noted that we would also announce this vacancy and request assistance at the Business Meeting.

3. Membership Report (Emmet McLaughlin for Victoria Christman)--report attached

Emmet McLaughlin noted that we need to consider the perennial question of how to increase membership. Susan Karant-Nunn stressed that we should compel our graduate students to join and urge colleagues not to drop their membership when they retire.

The committee moved and seconded approval for the Membership Secretary's report. It was approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report (Emmet McLaughlin for Robert Christman)--report attached
Emmet McLaughlin summarized the accounting processes involved in balancing the statement.

Most of the discussion was over the Chrisman fund: how the existing money is invested and how we should complete the endowment. Last year a committee was formed including Randy Head, Emmet McLaughlin, and Robert Christman to explore two investment funds, both designed for institutions rather than individuals. One fund was quite conservative and had low fees; the second fund was aggressive and had high fees but grew quickly. The committee chose the latter and noted that, even with the economic downturn, the aggressive fund had already recouped its losses and gained money; in other words, it really does appear to have been the best choice.

Susan Karant-Nunn noted that she had been included in all their discussions over the funds and that she endorsed their recommendation. She also urged the committee to contribute to the endowment. Its current balance is over \$12,000, and we would like to have a principal of ca. \$25,000.

Anne Jacobson Schutte moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report, and Randall Zachman seconded. There was no discussion and the report was approved unanimously.

5. Nischan Award and Chrisman Fellowship (Susan Karant-Nunn)

Nischan Award: A committee was established to choose the Nischan award winner for 2014: Megan Armstrong (chair), Rudy Almasy, and Randall Zachman. Kathryn Edwards will forward to Megan Armstrong the procedures and timetable for selecting a recipient.

Chrisman Award: The 2013 Chrisman travel grant for graduate students was awarded to Stephen Scheperle for his project entitled "Distinguishing Saints from Sinners, Shepherd from Sheep, and the Affluent from the Afflicted: Individuating the Community in Sixteenth-Century Geneva." Susan Karant-Nunn read the following email that she received from Mr. Scheperle, and the council urged that it be included in the minutes.

From: Scheperle, Stephen J [stephen-scheperle@uiowa.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 8:15 AM
To: Karant-Nunn, Susan C - (karantnu)
Subject: RE: You are the winner!

Dr. Karant-Nunn,

Thank you kindly for your message. I am deeply honored to receive this award, and I am sincerely grateful to the Society for Reformation Research's willingness to aid me in completing my dissertation research.

Your personal words regarding Miriam Usher Chrisman have been taken to heart. It is my pleasure to have

her name upon my vita, and I hope to follow her example of assisting new students in their academic endeavors. The award itself is a tangible form of encouragement to this young student, and it will always be a powerful reminder to me to seek the well-being and development of other new students in the future. My graduate educational experience has been gratifying and enriching because faculty, such as Ray Mentzer, have sacrificed of their valuable time to invest in my academic and professional development. Further, this investment has had a significant personal tone, something which I find essential to maintain in the academic community. If Dr. Mentzer's generosity toward me is similar to the kind of assistance Miriam Usher Chrisman provided to new students, I feel fortunate to have been given this example as a goal for which to strive in the future.

Thank you for informing Dr. Mentzer about the status of the award. I will wait to hear from you regarding the logistical details of the award. In the meantime, let me just say thank you once again.

Sincerely,
Stephen Scheperle
PhD Student / Teaching Assistant
Religious Studies
The University of Iowa

6. *Archive for Reformation History* Report (Brad Gregory and Randall Zachman)--report attached

Randall Zachman noted that 3 articles are being submitted from North America for the 2014 issue of the ARG. While this is below the number of submissions in the past, it is an increase from last year and they are ahead on the number of submissions for this year. Both he and Brad Gregory also stressed that they have a very quick turn-around right now. They also both stressed that the German publishers are finally putting the ARG online, something that will help us get more articles and distribute them more widely; the online host is De Gruyter.

Susan Karant-Nunn asked how the online subscription bundling through De Gruyter works, and no one was exactly sure what universities will be affected and how it will affect distribution over all. Susan Karant-Nunn urged that we monitor how the system functions, and the editors said they would do so. David Whitford noted that information about distribution is regularly provided to managing editors, and Susan Karant-Nunn recommended that Council members check to see how the De Gruyter's distribution functions at their university. Brad Gregory also noted that back issues of the *Archiv* would be digitized beginning with the most recent volumes, and the Council agreed that it was important to do so.

Both Randall Zachman and Brad Gregory commended the graduate students who have worked for them and stressed the value of Notre Dame's support. Susan Karant-Nunn said that she would write a letter of thanks to Notre Dame once the editors told her to whom she should write.

For future editions, the editors are considering a tie-in with the NEH seminar Amy Nelson Burnett and Karin Maag organized on "Persecution, Toleration, Co-Existence: Early Modern Responses to Religious Pluralism."

Ward Holder moved to accept the report; David Whitford seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

7. Programming (Rudy Almasy and Beth Plummer)--reports attached

Kalamazoo, International Congress on Medieval Studies. Rudy Almasy described the role he and Maureen Thum play in organizing 3 sessions annually for this conference. He also noted that Maureen Thum brings membership forms to the sessions now.

SCSC. Beth Plummer summarized the number (15 including roundtables) and scope of this year's sessions and noted that the theme for next year is "Persecution, Toleration, Co-Existence: Early Modern Responses to Religious Pluralism," the same theme as the 2013 NEH Seminar led by Amy Nelson Burnett and Karin Maag. She also outlined the new method used for submitting panels; she felt that it worked very well.

AHA/ASCH. Beth Plummer noted that there had been no panel submissions for this conference this year and that she had a real problem getting any response for it. She then asked for advice from the council. One idea she had was to move our participation from the winter meeting (held jointly with the AHA) to the spring meeting.

Susan Karant-Nunn asked if we sponsored panels at some of the main national conferences, such as French Historical Studies and the German Studies Association. Beth Plummer said we didn't. Anne Jacobson Schutte suggested that we change to the spring meeting of the ASCH then, but some colleagues noted that there had been debates in the ASCH if the spring meetings would continue. The Council as a whole discussed the cost of attending the ASCH. Several members of the Council suggested just dropping ASCH because of the costs and the difficulty in getting submissions. A proposal was made to accept the programming report and to stop soliciting panels for the ASCH, although Beth Plummer emphasized that she would be happy to put an SRR-panel forward if one was submitted to her. Rudy Almasy moved to accept the report and proposal; Randall Zachman seconded. Both were unanimously approved.

8. 2017 Anniversary Planning Committee and NEH Seminar (David Whitford and Thomas Kaufmann)

Thomas Kaufmann and Anselm Schubert (the head of local arrangements) described the planning as of this time: the date, 18-20 2017 (set); location, Nuremberg. The city has provided a large meeting hall that can seat 300-400 people. Both emphasized that now the VRG and SRR need to decide on the number of papers to be presented and the review process for submissions; all we currently have is the theme: "Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Age of the Reformation."

Susan Karant-Nunn asked if every session would be plenary or if they would be able to hold parallel sessions. Anselm Schubert said that it must be plenary sessions because we only have the one room. Thomas Kaufmann noted that each group should decide a certain number of sessions, an arrangement that seemed fine to the Council, although the number of sessions has yet to be determined. Susan Karant-Nunn asked if there would be opportunities for presenters working on other topics. Thomas Kaufmann seemed to see that as a possibility—that he actually saw the topic as suggesting that the Reformation should be looked at broadly and not as a purely Christian phenomena—and he especially thought that we would need to because there simply aren't enough scholars working on the theme we've set.

David Whitford asked how firm the date was because of the lag between the SRR meeting and the International Luther Congress in Wittenberg in August 2017. Anselm Schubert said that it would likely be impossible to push it back, and David Whitford said he would talk to Scott Hendrix about the exact dates of the Luther Congress.

Susan Karant-Nunn stressed the need to develop a calendar for planning and for the conference itself; it is especially important to get the program set early so that we can get commitments from the people we want in a year when there is likely to be a lot of demand. Thomas Kaufmann said they would prepare a rough concept and calendar and would send it to us for review. We would then negotiate the process.

Anne Jacobson Schutte asked if we were doing a mixture of invitations and open proposals, and Susan Karant-Nunn emphasized that we must follow this pattern, which is standard in America. Anselm Schubert also noted that we can't change the dates, at least to move them later, because the museum is book from August on.

David Whitford then reported on the NEH seminars that the SRR co-sponsors. The SRR has linked with Calvin College and the Director of the Meeter Center for Calvin Studies there, Karin Maag, who have a tradition of preparing successful NEH seminars. Karin Maag and her people work on a seminar beginning about a year and a half before the seminar itself starts, and in 2016 the seminar will be on "Teaching the Lutheran Reformation." She has a successful proposal history with the NEH and is confident that this proposal will be accepted.

Ward Holder is in the process of developing a conference in 2016 in cooperation with the Boston Theological Institute, REFO500, and SRR.

9. Web Page (Kathryn Edwards)

Kathryn Edwards confirmed that the webpage was up to date and that Mack Holt was continuing to act as our webmaster.

10. Listserv (Randall Zachman)

Randall Zachman is in the process of checking the revised membership report with the listserv right now to correct any errors.

11. Recognition of Departed or Retired Members (Susan Karant-Nunn)

Susan Karant-Nunn noted the death of Charles Nauert and that she had sent an email to his son to express the Society's sorrow.

12. Other New Business (Susan Karant-Nunn)

Kathryn Edwards noted that she had become one of the editors of *French Historical Studies* and they were looking to expand its medieval and early modern article base. If the Council knew of work that wasn't suitable for the ARG but was on French topics, please consider sending it to her.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Edwards

SOCIETY FOR REFORMATION RESEARCH
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
26 OCTOBER 2012, CINCINNATI

MINUTES

Called meeting to order at 12:18.

1. Approval of 2011 Minutes (Susan Karant-Nunn)--minutes attached

Susan Karant-Nunn began the meeting by thanking Kay Edwards for her work as recording officer; then she opened the meeting with the approval of last year's minutes. Randy Head moved that the minutes be approved, and Ward Holder seconded that motion. It was approved unanimously.

2. Nominating Committee Report (Karen Spierling)--report attached

Karen Spierling described the process the nominating committee followed to obtain new Council members, especially emphasizing its interest in representing diverse regional specializations and broadening our pool of officers. She presented the committee's choices of A. Katie Harris, Associate Professor of History at the University of California, Davis, as a new member of the Executive Council to replace Randy Head and of Michael Bruening, Associate Professor of History at the Missouri University of Science and Technology, to replace herself. She also thanked her other committee members, Anne Jacobson Schutte and Ward Holder. The new Council members were approved unanimously.

3. Membership Report (Victoria Christman)--report attached

Rather than summarize the entire membership report, which all Council members had received before the meeting, Victoria Christman focused on several areas. She began by noting that she had inherited the report's format from Jeff Tyler and Janis Gibbs and would be revising it next year to clarify ambiguous categories, such as "inactive." (Susan Karant-Nunn suggested that the best way to understand "inactive" is a person whose membership has lapsed but who is still alive.) Victoria also noted that there was a typo in the chart where it said that we only had 6 new members; 12 is the actual number, as found in the written summary. Because they are still in the transitional stage, she is still sorting out what members let their membership lapse for a short time but have renewed now, and she will have a better sense of those details in 2013.

Victoria also noted that the *Archive for Reformation History's* subscriptions were only down slightly but she has since learned that even slight changes in that area can have a financial impact. She has, however, only recently learned that Membership Officer also handles institutional memberships, and they generally include the *Archive*. She now has the information about these members from Jeff Tyler and thinks that this will correct any discrepancies in the current membership numbers.

Susan Karant-Nunn asked if it would be possible for her to email corrected statistics to the Council; Victoria thought that older lists of inactive members might no longer exist, thereby

making it almost impossible to correct some of the statistics, but that she would ask Jeff. In that circumstance, Randy Head wondered if it was worth spending the time. Susan said that, as President, she felt that it was her responsibility to write to those individuals who had recently dropped of the membership rolls, and she would be willing to write to them to urge their renewal. In that circumstance, Randy suggested that the right group to contact would be those who "just became inactive," and Susan reemphasized that she would write to them. Susan also encouraged us to urge graduate students and junior faculty to join the Society.

Victoria promised to provide the list of recently inactive members and to revise statistics, as suggested above, if the documentation still exists to do so. A motion was proposed for her to do so and unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report (Victoria Christman for Robert Christman)--report attached

Victoria Christman noted that our assets are approximately the same as they were last year and had a series of questions that appeared in the report as Appendix D. The questions and discussions for each follow.

1. Why have we experienced a significant decrease in sales of our periodicals this year?

She thinks this may have to do with situation regarding institutional copies, which is described above. She or Robert will contact the Executive Council about this via email.

2. Should we take the step of establishing the Miriam Chrisman Fund as a bona fide endowment fund?

Victoria summarized the information regarding the Franklin fund account that Robert would like to use for the Chrisman endowment. To give a sense of our needs and returns from this account, she noted that if we had \$50,000 in that account, we'd be able to disburse \$2,000 a year without touching our principle. The fund is designed for non-profits such as ours, takes a .075% annual fee, and is currently earning 4% interest.

Susan Karant-Nunn urged the Executive Council to continue to give to it and noted that she is still working on Dr. Chrisman's sons. Brad Gregory asked how much we have currently in endowment--we currently have \$12,000--and if \$50,000 was the minimum amount to join the fund (no, it is not). Rudy Almasy asked if the principle was protected in this fund; Victoria noted that both interest and principle were subject to variations. Asked specifically for his opinion, Emmet McLaughlin thought that, because our amount and risk were limited, it would be a good idea. Randy Head noted that it was a conservative fund, and David Whitford highlighted the fund-raising benefits (we could tell donors that their money would go into a specific fund). David and Emmet both recommended that we put the current endowment in the fund, at least temporarily, and Rudy suggested that we also, potentially, put some of the Society's extra money into the endowment .

The motion to open the account subject to some further investigation by Robert was approved unanimously.

Regarding the idea of putting the Society's extra funds into the same account, Randy suggested that we might use the Society's money to provide matches for donors, and Ward Holder stressed that it would show the Society's commitment to the endowment. A committee was developed to form a plan for leveraging the society's money into the account and for grant matching consisting of Randy and Robert.

3. Do we wish to establish Paypal as one method available to pay annual fees and subscriptions?

Victoria summarized how the PayPal system works (also found in her written report). After brief discussion of its benefits and how it was instituted for the SCSC, a motion was approved to adopt PayPal and have Robert present a new fee structure to the Council for approval.

4. How wedded are we to the idea that our society is a North American Society?

This came up because of the PayPal situation, and it was recommended that this be taken into account when developing the fee structure.

5. We plan to be on sabbatical next year. Are there suggestions for how we might handle this?

The Council approved of their idea to have their current assistant act as the liaison at Luther College; the questions arose over how to institute this. Susan argued that a minimum payment of \$500 would be only fair, and Victoria thought that this amount would be more than satisfactory. It was unanimously approved that their assistant be paid \$500, that she will be working with their instruction and oversight, and that this does not set a precedent for the management of these two positions.

5. Nischan Award and Chrisman Fellowship (Susan Karant-Nunn)

Nischan Award.

Susan Karant-Nunn described this year's nomination process and noted that Anne Jacobson Schutte was the winner. Susan urged the Council to start thinking about who might be an appropriate candidate two years from now and that we are conscious of the need to recognize other members than just councilors.

Establishment of Chrisman Committee for 2013:

Kay Edwards described the process of setting up the committee based on the procedures in 2011. Susan asked for volunteers, and the committee for 2013 consists of Susan Karant-Nunn, Ward Holder, and Beth Plummer.

6. Archive for Reformation History Report (Brad Gregory and Randall Zachman)--report attached

Randall Zachman reported on the declining submissions to the *Archive* and how they tied to the *Archive's* lack of an online presence. Brad Gregory expressed his surprise at how quickly this slip has happened and stressed how essential it is for online access: if the *Archive* it doesn't get an online presence, it's not viable. Susan Karant-Nunn described how the debates over taking the *Archive* online played out at the Verein meeting this summer and urged the editors to beat the bushes and even invite people to write for them, as they had in the past. David Whitford urged

that the council lobby potential authors. As a way of raising visibility, Randy Head and David noted the success of the SCSC session several years ago where editors from the major early modern journals described the publication process and suggested maybe another such session be proposed for SCSC 2013. David also asked who decided the size of the editorial board and suggested bringing new people onto it as a way of stimulating interest. Susan noted that the current board has actually served longer than they originally expected to.

The Council unanimously approved the *Archive* Report.

7. Programming (Rudy Almasy and Beth Plummer)--reports attached SCSC. The Council unanimously approved the program committee reports.

Kalamazoo. Rudy gave me the 2013 program and described the process used for both 2012 and 2013 sessions. The Council unanimously approved the program committee reports.

AHA/ASCH: The Council unanimously approved the program committee reports.

8. Web Page (Mack Holt)

This report was skipped; Mack Holt will be asked to report on the web page at the business meeting.

9. Listserv (Randall Zachman)

Randall Zachman noted that the listserv was up and running, although there have been some difficulties with error messages and that there are more names on listserv than active members. Susan Karant-Nunn asked Victoria Christman, as membership secretary, if she thought it would be worthwhile to have someone sort through this to see just how active or inactive the member was and if their email address worked. Victoria needed time to think about this and to see the listserv membership list.

10. 2017 Anniversary Planning Committee and NEH Seminar (David Whitford)

David Whitford noted that, at this time, 2017 events are on hold: the basic planning has already been done, but the detail work won't need to be done for a year or two. Therefore, there will be more information later.

11. Other New Business (Susan Karant-Nunn)

It has come to the Council's attention that several active members of the Society have been taken ill, and we discussed ways to acknowledge their service and give condolences to their family and friends. Ward Holder suggested that we follow a pastoral model and offer condolences, and Emmet McLaughlin suggested that the President prepare a letter from the Council to the family expressing such condolences. David Whitford also suggested that we make it an agenda item to recognize those who have died, so it would be best to send the information to the Recording

Officer for inclusion in the agenda; Randall Zachman added that it would be good to recognize retirements in this way, too. All three methods for recognition were approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn A. Edwards

Fall 2013 SRR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The NC (Ward Holder, Michael Bruening, and I) generated nominees for positions in the SRR by checking past lists of nominees and officers, consulting the current membership list, and considering SRR needs including the potential benefits of maintaining a diversity of regional specializations among our officers. The slate is provided below, and all nominees have expressed willingness to serve:

President Elect/Vice President (2014-15), President (2016-17): Karin Maag (Calvin College and Meeter Center for Calvin Studies)

Treasurer and Membership Secretary (2014-16): Robert Christman and Victoria Christman (Luther College)

Executive Council (2014-17): Wietse de Boer (Miami University of Ohio)

Nominating Committee (2014-16): Janis Gibbs (Hope College)

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Jacobson Schutte, NC Chair

FALL 2013 SRR MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTION REPORT
July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013¹

Private Memberships

YEAR	ACTIVE	+INACTIVE	NEW	STUDENT
2012-13	100	118	10	8
2011-12	113		6	10
2011	104	133	10	9
2010	103	130	8	10
2009	114	136	6	14
2008	§125	161	9	20
2007	136	155	21	18
2006	106	125	11	14
2005	112	135	9	10
2004	112	144	13	11
2003	126	141	17	16
2001	118	141	29	9
2001	112	--	--	--

2012-13 Memberships:

Active: 100 (paid dues/subscribed); Membership, no volumes: 60

Total contacts: 218

New Members: 10 (plus several also returning after long absence)

Grad Students: 8 (1 new); Emeritae/i: 9 (6 subscribe)

2011-12 Memberships:

Active: 113 (paid dues/subscribed); Membership, no volumes: 66

Total contacts: 209

New Members: 12

Grad Students: 10 (1 new); Emeritae/i: 10 (9 subscribe)

2011 Memberships: 133

Active: 104 (paid dues/subscribed); Inactive: 29 (missing in 2011)

New Members: 10 (9 from website)

Grad Students: 10 (5 new); Emeritae/i: 11 (6 subscribe)

Rejoining: 18

2010 Memberships: 130

Active: 103 (paid dues/subscribed); Inactive 27 (missing in 2010)

New Members: 8 (5 from website)

Grad Students: 10 (4 new); Emeritae/i: 11 (5 subscribe)

Rejoining: 20

¹ These dates are equivalent to our financial year.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

PERSONAL	ARG/LB both	ARG alone	LB alone
2012-13	16	22	2
2011-12	21	25	1
2010	21	30	--
2009	27	40	--
2008	23	28	2
2007	23	32	1
2006	25	35	2
2005	28	26	5
2004	30	31	5
2003	31	28	7

PERSONAL	ARG total	LB total
2012-13	38	18
2011-12	46	22
2010	51	21
2009	67	27
2008	50	25
2007	55	24
2006	60	27
2005	54	33
2004	61	35
2003	59	38
2002	66	47
2001	67	44

<u>Subscriptions 2012-13</u>	ARG/LB	ARG	LB
Private:	16	22	2
Institutional:		2	0
Commercial:		12	6

(decrease of 3 private ARG subscriptions; increase of 1 private LB subscription; slight decrease in commercial/institutional ARG/L subscription)

<u>Subscriptions 2011-12</u>	ARG/LB	ARG	LB
Private:	21	25	1
Institutional:		2	1
Commercial:		17	7

(decrease of 5 private ARG subscriptions; increase of 1 private LB subscription; in institutional ARG subscription)

<u>Subscriptions 2010</u>	ARG/LB	ARG	LB
Private:	21	30	0

Institutional:	10	8
Commercial:	16	7

(decrease of 16 private ARG subscriptions; decrease of 6 private LB subscriptions; no change in institutional ARG subscription)

(drop in private subscriptions due to high sales of 2009, gala volume 100 of *Archive*; 2010 mirrors 2008 numbers; unfortunately no permanent increase in subscriptions due to volume 100)

<u>Subscriptions 2009</u>	ARG/LB	ARG	LB
Private:	27	40	0
Institutional:		9	8
Commercial:		16	9

(increase of 16 private ARG subscriptions; increase of 2 private LB subscriptions; increase of 1 institutional ARG subscription)

<u>Subscriptions 2008</u>	ARG/LB	ARG	LB
Private:	23	28	2
Institutional:	8	8	
Commercial:	16	9	

(decrease of 4 private ARG subscriptions; decrease of 1 institutional LB subscription; increase of 1 ARG order)

<u>Subscriptions 2007</u>	ARG/LB	ARG	LB
Private:	23	32	1
Institutional:	8	9	
Commercial:	15	9	

(decrease of 5 private ARG subscriptions; increase of 1 institutional ARG subscription; decrease of 3 private LB subscriptions; increase of 1 institutional LB subscription)

<u>Subscriptions 2006</u>	ARG/LB	ARG	LB
Private:	25	35	2
Institutional:		8	8
Commercial:		13	8

(increase of 2 private ARG subscriptions; decrease of 2 institutional ARG subscriptions; decrease of 6 private LB subscriptions; decrease of 1 institutional LB subscription)

Overview/Summary (in absentia)

As a cursory glance at the above figures will show, we are holding fairly steady in terms of memberships over the past 5-10 years, and the distribution of categories into which those memberships fall. The number of subscriptions has fallen slightly this year. The drop is not drastic, but continues the downward trend of the previous few years.

It will be interesting to see whether our new subscription to Paypal as a means of purchase will increase our numbers (in terms of either memberships or subscriptions) in the coming year. With regard to other concrete strategies we might adopt going forward, it seems to me that it would be possible, after sending the blanket renewal notice, to contact specific individuals who purchased membership and/or journals in the previous one or two years, but did

not renew in the current year. This would take a little more work on my part, but I think it might well bear fruit. As time goes on, I am amassing more information about the purchasing behavior of individuals, which would make it easier for me to identify those who have failed to renew in a given year. I think it is quite likely that an additional email or two to that short list might serve to remind a handful of people to renew their memberships/subscriptions. If others have suggestions of other actions that might increase our numbers, I would be open to hearing them and giving them a try.

Submitted by Victoria Christman

FALL 2013 TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013

Balance in Checking Account	7/1/2012	\$8128.09
Balance in Savings Account	7/1/2012	\$4660.09
Balance in Money Market Account,	7/1/2012	\$26,359.02
Balance in Chrisman Fund	7/1/12	\$9959.50
ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR		\$49,106.70

RECEIPTS

Receipts

Dues and Subscriptions as itemized in ledger	\$8,830
Interest Income, Checking Account	\$0
Interest Income, Savings Account	\$1.86
Interest Income, Money Market Account	\$314.90
Interest Income, Chrisman Fund	\$4.72
Donations to the Chrisman Fund	\$3,150.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$12,301.48

Accounts Receivable on 6/30/12 (See Appendix A)	\$1157.45
TOTAL ASSETS (prior to disbursement)	\$62,565.63

DISBURSEMENTS

State of Illinois incorporation fee	\$13.00
Annual fee for website	\$119.88
Annual fee for website upgrade	\$99.95
Payment to Gutersloher Verlagshaus (Archive and Literature Review)	\$7,681.40
Bank Service Charges (wiring fee)	\$45.00
Chrisman Travel Award payment	\$2000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,959.23

ASSETS

Balance in checking account	6/30/13	\$6991.86
Balance in savings account	6/30/13	\$4661.95
Money Market Account	6/30/13	\$26,673.92
Chrisman Fund	6/30/13	\$13,114.22
Accounts Receivable	6/30/13	\$1,157.45
Undeposited Funds	6/30/13	0
TOTAL ASSETS, 6/30/13		\$52,599.40

Appendix A: Explanation of Accounts Receivable

On June 30, 2013, our accounts receivable totaled 1157.45. Of this total, 727.45 was holdover from last year (707.45 of which was holdover from previous years dating all the way back to 2000 or earlier). However, it is noteworthy that since June 30, 2013, we have received outstanding payments totaling 560.00 from three institutional subscribers. So currently (10/10/2013) our accounts receivable stands at \$597.45. It seems unlikely that we will ever recover these funds.

Appendix B: Balancing the Statement

The statement is \$7 out of balance. That is, if we begin with our assets on 7/1/2012, add to them the receipts for the fiscal year 7/1/2012 -6/30/2013, then subtract the disbursements for the same fiscal year, the total is: \$52,606.40. But the assets enumerated in the final section are the correct monies available in those accounts, and they add up to \$52,599.40, for a difference of -\$7. I have been unable to account for the discrepancy.

Appendix C: Issues that Require Discussion, Action, or FYI

1. The Miriam Chrisman Fund

Emmet McLaughlin will report on decisions made regarding this fund. Unfortunately I had already left Decorah before the final determination to go ahead was made. I have been in contact with our banker, Justin Gullekson, at the Bank of the West about the possibility of establishing this fund while still on sabbatical in Germany. He says that although possible, it would be complicated. So we may have to wait until my return to Decorah in August, 2014 to officially establish the fund.

2. Paypal is now up and running, but questions remain

For each transaction made via Paypal, the company retains 2.2% of the total, plus 30 cents. So for a \$20 membership fee, Paypal takes 74 cents; for a membership fee plus both journals (\$160), Paypal takes \$3.82. For us, this is lost revenue. It should also be noted that Paypal does not allow its vendors to simply add its charges to the total price. Because this is the first year Paypal has been available, it is difficult to know how much money we are losing, but here are the current numbers: of the 48 orders for memberships and journals that we have received so far this autumn, 15 of them have come via Paypal. So we might ask ourselves how to address the situation.

- Do we eat the losses?
- Do we raise the price of membership/journals for everyone?
- Do we wait for another year or two to get a better sense of how many orders we ultimately receive via Paypal and how much money is involved?

3. Adding a Charge for Postage

Last year it was noted that we have been receiving an increasing number of requests to join the society from individuals outside of North America. Many of these folks are in Asia and South America. In the past our response has been to suggest that they join the *Verein für Reformationgeschichte*, but some have studied in North America and have closer ties to scholars and institutions here than they do to Europe. So the suggestion was made that they be allowed to become members, but that we charge them for postage.

At present, Luther College (and Hope College before it) contributes \$600 a year to the SRR for postage and other expenses. In the US, shipping one or both periodicals costs a flat rate of \$2.90; to Canada one periodical costs \$11.95; two cost \$14.75; outside of those countries, one periodical averages c. \$18.00, two average c. \$22.00. Thus far, the \$600 from Luther College has always covered our postage, but if we start accepting more members from outside North America, those funds will very quickly become insufficient. So our options seem to be as follows:

- Luther College continues to pay for postage for everyone. Depending upon growth overseas, this may be unsustainable.
- Charge our members outside of North America a flat fee for postage (say \$20). It is worth noting that this will come as an unwelcomed surprise to some of our European members who have been with us for years and never paid such a fee before.

4. Reminder: We are on sabbatical this year

Just a reminder that Heather Frey, Secretary of the History Department, is handling the day-to-day duties of the Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Thus far she is doing an admirable job, demonstrating careful attention to detail. For her services, by way of reminder, the SRR board has agreed to give her an honorarium of \$500.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Christman
Treasurer

FALL 2013 REPORT OF THE *ARCHIVE FOR REFORMATION HISTORY (ARG)*

The editors will be submitting three articles for the North American contribution to the upcoming volume of the ARG:

David Price, "Maximilian I and Toleration of Judaism"

Ryan Reeves, "'Ye gods: Political Obedience from Tyndale to Cromwell, c. 1528-1540"

Kirk Summers, "The Theoretical Rationale for the Reformed Consistory: Two Key Works of Theodore Beza"

This is below our past submissions, and we are hoping that this is only a temporary drop in viable submissions.

We have received six submissions for the 2014 volume, which is an increase from previous years. One is being shortened to fit our 10,000 word requirement, another is being revised in light of the readers' suggestions, and two are under review. Two others were sent back to the authors as they did not fit the profile of the ARG. We are hoping that this increase in submissions bodes well for the future!

We have had the good fortune of having excellent editorial assistants, whose work we greatly value. Bry Martin finished his work with us last May, and we are now working with Joshua McIntire. We are very grateful for the work they do for us, as they handle all of the correspondence with the authors, and also help with editorial decisions regarding each submission.

The *Archive for Reformation History* will soon enter into a new phase of its publishing history. We are delighted to announce that the *Archive* will be available in an online electronic form starting in early 2014. We are very excited about the ways in which this will increase both the visibility and accessibility of the journal, and are confident that this will be of great benefit both to our contributors and to our readers. Gütersloher Verlagshaus, our publisher, has made arrangements with de Gruyter to handle the electronic version of the *ARH*, and we expect that older volumes of the journal will gradually be made accessible on the de Gruyter Journal Archive website. We are grateful to all who have helped to make this important development possible, especially Diedrich Steen of Gütersloher Verlagshaus.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall Zachman and Brad Gregory
North American Editors for the ARG

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FALL 2013 SRR PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

SRR at 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies (Kalamazoo), May 9-13, 2013

Organized by Maureen Thum

Reformation I: Historical, Political, Personal Conflict and the Search for (Non)Conformity

Chair: Rudy Almasy, West Virginia University

Commentator: Thea Cervone, University of Southern California

"Stupid Preachers" and "Foolish" German: The Case for Ottoman Rule in Early Modern Germany

Mike Malone, Saint Louis University

In the Shadow of Dordrecht: Religious Controversy and the Quest for Conformity in Early Dutch Colonies

Danny L. Noorlander, Beloit College

Maximilian I and the Jews

David Price, University of Illinois

Reformation II: Controversy and Interpretation in the Reformation

Chair: Mike Malone, Saint Louis University

Commentator: David Price, University of Illinois

Reformation Perspectives on the Eleventh-Century Reform Movement: The Example of Saint-Jean-des-Vignes

Edward Boyden, Nassau Community College

The Realm of the Righteous: Clement Armstrong's Utopia

Ed Lind, Illinois State University

Raising the Dead and Laying Claims: The Appropriation of Memory and the Putative Bones of Thomas Becket

Thea Cervone, University of Southern California

Reformation III: Voice, Text, (Historical) Context in the Reformation

Chair: Bobbi Dykema, Nicholas of Cusa Institute

Commentator: Ed Boyden, Nassau Community College

New Preaching on Repentance? John Fisher, Stephen Gardiner, Hugh Latimer, Thomas Cranmer et al. in the Transition from Medieval to Reformation

Rudy Almasy, West Virginia University

Much Ado about Something? Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth I, and Shakespeare's Portrait of Slandered Women

Maureen Thum, University of Michigan-Flint

John Donne and the Reformation: Transcending the Body/Divine Dichotomy

Amber True, Michigan State University

Report on the SRR Sessions organized for both the SCSC (2013) and the ASCH (2014):

This year the SRR sponsored 14 sessions for the SCSC in addition to the main Thursday night roundtable. The topic for next year's sessions will be Toleration, Coexistence, and Persecution. I was unable to submit a panel to the ASCH (Washington, DC, 2014). We had only one paper submission with another unrelated paper submission arriving after the deadline. I would like some advice on how to get some additional submissions for the ASCH panels since these are proving difficult to put together. We may want to consider submitting sessions to the spring ASCH conference in future if the issue is attending the AHA.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Plummer

SCSC Sessions (San Juan, 2013)

Plenary Roundtable: Expanding the Reformation: Global and Transregional Contexts

Organizer: Marjorie E. Plummer, Western Kentucky University

Chair: Merry Wiesner-Hanks, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Participants:

Carina Johnson, Pitzer College

Charles H. Parker, St. Louis University

Ulrike Strasser, University of California, San Diego

Christine Johnson, Washington University of St. Louis

David Boruchoff, McGill University

45. Roundtable: Suffering, the Body, and the Senses in the Religious Culture of Early Modern Europe

Organizer: Jan Frans van Dijkhuizen

Chair: Torrance Kirby, McGill University

Participants:

Jan Frans Van Dijkhuizen, University of Leiden

Michael Schoenfeldt, University of Michigan

Susan C. Karant-Nunn, University of Arizona

Ronald K. Rittgers, Valparaiso University

Matthew Milner, McGill University

53. Listening to Sermons in the European Reformations

Organizer and Chair: Emily Michelson, University of St. Andrews

Sponsor: Reformation Institute, University of St. Andrews

Preaching to the Psyche in Lutheran Germany

Philip Soergel, University of Maryland

Reading Beneath the Lines, In the Margins & In Other Assorted Places: Publishers' Annotations of Martin Luther's Sermons as Interpretations of the Same

Timothy Stoller, Brockport

Heathens Ravaging Christendom: Forming Lutheran Confessional Identity in Sermons on the "Turks"

Paul Strauss, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The Sermon in the Early Modern Transconfessional Soundscape

Duane Corpis, Cornell University

73. Convents in Crisis in the Holy Roman Empire

Organizer: Marjorie E. Plummer

Chair: Ulrike Strasser

Sister Act: Convents in Catholic and Protestant Germany

Amy C. Leonard, Georgetown University

Fighting for Keys: Nuns in Multiconfessional Convents in North Germany

Marjorie E. Plummer, Western Kentucky University

The Effects of the Thirty Years' War on Female Religious Communities in Bavaria

Sigrun Haude, University of Cincinnati

79. New Perspectives on the Early Reformation

Organizer: Amy Nelson Burnett, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 Chair: Thomas Kaufmann Georg-August-University Göttingen
 Early Reformation Controversies: The Wittenberg Theologians in Conflict with Albert of Brandenburg and Capito

Ulrich Bubenheimer, Pädagogische Hochschule Heidelberg

Early Reformation and the Kabbala: Luther, Karlstadt and Osiander

Anselm Schubert, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Identifying Antichristeitas: Hussite Antichristology in the Early Lutheran Reformation

Phillip Haberkern, Boston University

90. Roundtable: Semi-Religious Women

Organizer: Susan Dinan, William Paterson University

Sponsor: Society for the Study of Early Modern Woman and Reformation Research

Participants:

Alison P. Weber, University of Virginia

Stacey Schlau, West Chester University

Marjorie E. Plummer, Western Kentucky University

Anne Jacobson Schutte, University of Virginia

Robert E. Scully, le Moyne College

Susan Dinan, William Paterson University

98. New Strategies for an Old Enterprise—From the Essential to a Complete Karlstadt

Organizer and Chair: Thomas Kaufmann, Georg-August-University Göttingen

Karlstadt, the Thomist- a Neglected Case. Challenges in editorial work

Harald Bollbuck, Herzog-August-Library, Wolfenbüttel, Germany

From a Rarity to a Widespread Book: Re-editing Karlstadt's Commentary on Augustine

Martin Kessler, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen, Germany

The Ongoing Search for Autographs of Karlstadt's Correspondence

Alejandro Zorzin, Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany

126. Borders and Boundaries in Reformation Thought and Life: In Honor of Thomas F. Mayer

Organizer: Calvin Lane, Nashotah House Theological Seminary

Sponsor: Nashotah House Theological Seminary and Society for Reformation Research

Chair: Ezra L. Plank, The University of Iowa

The Reformation of Pentecost: Community and Conflict in Sixteenth Century England

Lewis Lane, Nashotah House Theological Seminary

Evidence of Common Ancestry? Ignatius of Loyola, John Calvin, and the Modern-Day Devout

J. Patrick Hornbeck II, Fordham University

Lost in Translation: Anglo-Lutheran Adoptions and Adaptations, 1558-1603

David Gehring, Durham University

127. Medicine and the Supernatural in Early Modern Europe

Sponsor: Society for Reformation Research

Organizer: Kathryn A. Edwards, University of South Carolina

Chair: Michael D. Bailey, Iowa State University

Diagnosing a Holy Body: Medicine, Proof, and the Creation of Saints

Bradford Bouley, Pennsylvania State University

Early Modern Demonic Possession as a Response to Trauma

Yvonne Petry, Luther College at the University of Regina

In Defense of Exorcism

Jonathan Seitz, Drexel University

132. Cross-Cultural Interactions during the Reformation

Organizer: Marjorie E. Plummer

Chair: Marc Eagle, Western Kentucky University

Time and Space in Colonial Central Mexico

Susan Eagle, Western Kentucky University

Cruces hechas todas de oro y pluma: Reception of “Hybrid” Art Work in Motolinía’s Historia de los indios de Nueva España

Allison Caplan, Tulane University

Learning to Look: Images and Catechism in Quito, Ecuador, c. 1550-1600

Andrea Lepage, Washington and Lee University

From Every Kindred, Tongue, People and Nation: Christianity and Ethnic Identity in Brazil, 1550-1650

Joan Meznar, Eastern Connecticut State University

161. How to Prove a Fact in Early Modern Europe: Case Studies from Ecclesiastical, Legal, and University Settings

Organizer: Kathryn A. Edwards, University of South Carolina

Sponsor: The Society for Reformation Research

Chair: Jeffrey S. Watt, University of Mississippi

How to Prove a Superstition: The Place of Late Medieval Superstition in the History of Religious Falsity

Michael D. Bailey, Iowa State University

Legally Established Facts and Early Modern Rights Discourse

Laura Stokes, Stanford University

Phantoms and Facts: Early Modern Doctoral Candidates Prove the Existence of Ghosts

Kathryn A. Edwards

169. From One Vernacular to Another: Printed Religious Books Crossing Linguistic Lines

Organizer: Anne Jacobson Schutte, Professor emerita, University of Virginia

Chair and Commentator: Max Engammare, Librairie Droz Geneva

Presenters:

Peruvian Incunabula and the Codification of Quechua: Decorations as Allies of Colonization

Emily Floyd, Tulane University

John Hay and the Protestants: The Debate over *Certaines Demandes*

Jill R. Fehleison, Quinnipiac University

The *Vida* of Teresita de Jesús: Mysteries of Printing and Translation

Anne Jacobson Schutte

174. Roundtable: Re-Evaluating the Consensus Tigurinus

The Institute for Swiss Reformation History in Zurich and Society for Reformation Research

Organizer: Amy Nelson Burnett, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Chair: Torrance Kirby, McGill University

Panel participants

Amy Nelson Burnett, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Euan Cameron, Union Theological Seminary

Randall Zachman, University of Notre Dame

Emidio Campi, University of Zurich

195. Roundtable: Producing Critical Editions and Translations for the 21st Century

Organizer: Amy Nelson Burnett

Chair: Amy Nelson Burnett

Participants:

Jeffrey R. Watt, University of Mississippi
Sarah E. Owens, College of Charleston
Sally-Beth Maclean, University of Toronto
Thomas Kaufmann, Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany

205. How to Think about Popular Piety in Seventeenth-Century Europe

Organizer: Kathryn A. Edwards, University of South Carolina

Chair: Kathryn A. Edwards

The Guardian Angel: A Figure Both Natural and Supernatural

Antoine Mazurek, Centre d'Anthropologie religieuse européenne (CARE), ÉHÉSS, Paris

Divination and Discipline in Seventeenth-Century Germany

Jason Philip Coy, College of Charleston

Rescued in a Supernatural Way: Divine Grace in the Lutheran Discourses on the Thüringer Sindflut (1613) and the Burchardi Flut (1634)

Ken Kurihara, Fordham University