

Society for Reformation Research  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Pittsburgh, PA  
31 October 2003

Members Present:

Merry Wiesner-Hanks (President), Amy Burnett (VP), Janis Gibbs & Jeff Tyler (Treas./Membership Sec.), David Whitford (Sec), Jeff Jaynes (Nom. Comm. Chair), Susan Karant-Nunn & Anne Jacobson Schutte (ARG editors), Jonathan Grieser (SCSC Program Chair), Gary Gibbs & Susan Boettcher (Nom. Comm.), David Steinmetz, Erik Middelfort, Virginia Reinberg (Council Members).

Merry Wiesner-Hanks called the meeting to order at 12:20pm.

**1. Nominating Committee Report:**

- Please see attached report
- New VP/President Elect = Ray Mentzer
- New Council Member = Bob Bass
- New Nominating Committee member = Tim Fehler
- What we need is a new SCSC program chair. We will continue to look for a new person. This is an appointed position so Merry or Amy will appoint Jonathan's successor.

**MOTION:** To Reappoint Susan Karant-Nunn and Anne Jacobson Schutte for another 6 year term (i.e., 1/1/2004 – 12/31/2009) as American editors of the *Archiv*.

Moved by Amy Burnett, Seconded by David Whitford

**Approved by Unanimous Consent.**

**MOTION:** To Reappoint Janis Gibbs and Jeff Tyler for another 3 year term as treasurer/membership secretary.

Moved by Anne Jacobson Schutte, Seconded by Erik Middelfort

**Approved by Unanimous Consent.**

Discussion relative to this motion urged the president to send a letter of gratitude to Hope College expressing the Society's appreciation for Hope's role in furthering the mission of the Society.

**2. Membership/Treasurer Report:**

- Membership has grown by a small amount from 112 to 126.
- Issue of the price paid by emeriti members was discussed.

**MOTION:** Emeritus dues rate shall be the same as for graduate students (currently \$10US).

Moved by Amy Burnett, Seconded by Anne Jacobson Schutte

**Approved by Unanimous Consent.**

- Issue of the cost of Journal was then discussed. Currently SRR absorbs the cost of postage. This currently costs approximately \$430/year. Jeff Tyler recommended that the cost be paid by subscribers.

**MOTION:** To increase each subscription to cover the postage fees from Germany to the US.

Moved by Anne Jacobson Schutte, Seconded by Amy Burnett  
**Approved by Unanimous Consent.**

(It was noted that for the current year, this rate would be \$3.50)

- Treasurer's Report
  - Please see attached report.
  - 3 donations received this year.
  - We are still involved in sorting out Journal subscriptions following the collapse of Divine. We have 12-18 colleges that are in limbo.

**MOTION:** To contact the 12-18 colleges asking if they wish to continue receiving the *ARG*, and asking if they can pay for the copy. Further, we will send free copies to those schools unable to pay for this year but who promise to subscribe for next year.

Moved by Susan Karant-Nunn, Seconded by Anne Jacobson Schutte  
**Approved by Unanimous Consent.**

**MOTION:** To accept the Treasurer/Membership Secretary reports.

Moved by Jeff Jaynes, Seconded by Susan Boettcher.  
**Approved by Unanimous Consent.**

**MOTION:** To sell any back issues.

Moved by Amy Burnett., Seconded by Anne Jacobson Schutte  
**Approved by Unanimous Consent.**

### **3. Report of the *Archiv* Editors:**

- Very pleased with the number and quality of submissions.
- Only concern is a lack of submissions on France.
- Would welcome submissions from senior scholars, but the criterion for evaluation shall remain quality and not seniority.

### **4. Bodo Nischan Award**

- No award will be made this year.
- Nominations will be solicited for next year. Merry will develop a paragraph description of the award and David will post both the description and a brief bio of Bodo on the website.

## **5. Chrisman Award**

- Thomas Ridenhour (U. Virginia) was awarded the 2003 Travel Grant.
- Merry will give a brief description of the project to David who will post it on the website.
- Merry thanked the Chrisman Award Committee: Merry Wiesner-Hanks, Amy Nelson Burnett, Janis Gibbs, David Whitford.

## **6. Website**

- We went live 1 November 2002.
- We are now the first hit on google.com when you query Reformation Research.
- We are linked the AHA affiliates page.
- See attached statistics for hits and usage.
- We will post the newsletter on the site beginning this year.

The Meeting Adjourned at 1:20pm.