

SOCIETY FOR REFORMATION RESEARCH
BUSINESS MEETING
20 AUGUST 2016, BRUGES

MINUTES

Karin Maag called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. Approval of 2015 Minutes (Karin Maag)—minutes attached

2. Nominating Committee Report (Janis Gibbs and Karin Maag)

Janis Gibbs presented the committee's nominees for approval

- Nominating Committee (three-year term): Sigrun Haude (University of Cincinnati)
- At-Large Member of Executive Council (four-year term): Gary Gibbs (Roanoke College)
- Treasurer (five-year term): Robert Christman (Luther College)
- Membership Secretary (five-year term): Victoria Christman (Luther College)

Steven Burnett moved to approve the slate of nominees; Randy Head seconded. The nominees were approved unanimously

3. Membership Report (Randy Head for Victoria Christman)

Randy Head presented the Membership Report for Victoria Christman: there has been a slight decline overall, but some uptick in new members. Executive committee is encouraging new members. Sigrun Haude asked how to invite new members; Karin Maag said to get in contact with her or Victoria Christman.

4. Treasurer's Report (Randy Head for Robert Christman)

Randy presented the report. The current balance is \$54,357.38, which is up from the previous balance for \$51,666.17, not counting the \$1600 to sponsor a session at the Calvin Studies Conference.

5. Nischan Award and Chrisman Fellowship (Karin Maag)

• *Nischan Award*

Karin Maag announced that Susan Karant-Nunn was chosen as the winner. Since she did not attend the SCSC Conference this year, we will present the award to her next year in Milwaukee, which is also the year of her retirement.

• *Appointment of Chrisman Fellowship Award Committee*

The executive committee has selected a committee to choose the Chrisman Award winner for 2017. All applicants will be informed that in accordance with our new policy that all applicants must be member of SRR at time of application.

6. Archive for Reformation History Report (Randy Head for Brad Gregory & Randall Zachman)

Randy Head gave the report on the Archive for Reformation History in the absence of the editors: He was pleased to report that the upcoming ARG will have seven articles rather than the usual 5. This large number of articles because of the upcoming special volume for 2017.

7. Programming (Beth Plummer, Amy Nelson Burnett, David Whitford)

- *Kalamazoo*: Beth Plummer presented the report on Kalamazoo. The two sessions at Kalamazoo went well. Also, the International Congress of Medieval Studies committee is allowing SRR four sessions for 2017. Maureen is hopeful that in 2018 SRR will once again have three sessions. Karin Maag expressed her gratitude for Maureen Thum's work as Program Chair for Kalamazoo.
- *SCSC*: Amy Nelson Burnett noted that SRR sponsored 17 sessions and the Plenary Roundtable. She commended people submitting series of sessions for the large number; acknowledging the series on Radical Reformation organized by Geoff Dipple. She announced that there are already plans underway for next year to include several sets of sessions for Merry Wiesner-Hanks and Susan Karant-Nunn. If anyone is interested in organizing sessions should let Amy know. Karin Maag thanked Amy for her work as program chair.
- *AHA/ASCH*: David Whitford reports that the SRR sponsored sessions at ASCH/AHA went very well with all the sessions filled. Ron Rittgers requested that the committee involved last year, be involved in planning for this year. They arranged 6 SRR and SRR Co-Sponsored sessions for this upcoming year. AHA does not allow SRR to be listed as a co-sponsor, so each chair will state at the beginning of the session that it is co-sponsored by SRR.

8. Web Page (Michael Bruening)

Karin Maag reported for Mike. Everything has been going well; Mike is going to set up a SRR Facebook site.

9. Listserv (Randy Head for Randall Zachman)

Randy Head reported that there are no problems with the Listserv. With the creation of the Facebook page, SRR can allow members to post books, solving this concern on the Listserv.

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

David Whitford thanked Beth Plummer for her help with organization for VRG/SRR joint conference. He reported that there are 12 plenary speakers and 27 speakers for 9 sessions. Karin reported the NEH seminar she co-taught with Kate Van Liere and David was very successful. There were 53 applicants for 27 places. David agreed it was a great experience. There are plans to organize sessions on teaching the Reformation at the SCSC. It is a prestigious thing for SRR. David also reminded the members about the upcoming Calvin Studies society being held at Baylor and the SRR cosponsorship of sessions.

11. Revision of the Constitution (Karin Maag)

Karin Maag outlined the major changes made in the constitution, which are in Article V.2 listing designating the Membership Secretary to send out changes to members. In the Bylaws section, she noted that Section II.5 updated the terms of office for the Membership Officer and Treasurer are now the same length of time and Section VI was added to discuss how the records will be housed at the Meeter Center at Calvin College. She also noted that the current archive is all post Bodo Nischan's term since everything else went missing. She pointed out that the records save should be those submitted by the Recording Officer, Executive officers, and Treasure.

Karin thanked Kay Edwards for all her work.

12. Other New Business (Karin Maag)

Karin thanked Janis Gibbs, Emmet McLaughlin, Katie Harris, David Whitford, Kay Edwards, Susan Karan-Nunn, Ward Holder, and Ute Lotz-Heumann for their service on the executive committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Plummer

SOCIETY FOR REFORMATION RESEARCH
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24 OCTOBER 2015, VANCOUVER

MINUTES

Karin Maag called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

She announced that Emmet McLaughlin is unable to attend the SCSC meeting due to a family emergency. Karin Maag will cover as vice-president. She announced the recent passing of John Bossy.

1. Approval of 2014 Minutes (Karin Maag)—minutes attached

David Whitford moved to approve the 2014 minutes; Amy Nelson Burnett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Nominating Committee Report (Michael Bruening & Karin Maag)

Michael Bruening presented the committee's nominees for approval and election, and thanked the members of the committee, Janis Gibbs and Chad Gunnoe, for their assistance:

- President-Elect/VP (2016-2017): Randolph Head (UC-Riverside)
- Executive Council (2016-19): Karen Spierling (Denison University)
- Nominating Committee (2016-18): Jill Fehleison (Quinnipiac University)

Anne Jacobson Schutte moved to approve the slate of nominees; Randall Zachman seconded, and the slate was approved unanimously.

Karin Maag presented the nomination for approval of the reappointment of editors of the *Archive for Reformation History*:

- Brad Gregory (Notre Dame)
- Randall Zachman (Notre Dame)

Kay Edwards moved to accept the reappointment of the editors; Mack Holt seconded, and the reappointment was approved unanimously.

3. Membership Report (Victoria Christman)

Victoria Christman reported that our membership is currently at 88 active members. That is down a little bit from last year. She reported that the Executive Council had discussed how to increase membership at length and that these plans will be implemented. She also encouraged graduate students to join.

4. Treasurer's Report (Robert Christman)

Robert Christman stated that there was not much to report. The current asserts were holding steady at around \$52,000. This is down slightly due to one-time fees. He also reported that Chrisman fund has now been established as its own fund and that Paypal is used a great deal.

5. Nischan Award and Chrisman Fellowship (Katie Harris and Karin Maag)

After reporting that there were fourteen completed applications, Katie Harris announced that the 2015 Chrisman travel grant for graduate students was awarded to David Yoder Neufeld, a doctoral student at the University of Arizona for his project entitled "Seeking Toleration in a 'Persecuting Society': Anabaptism in Zürich, 1535-1650." He is currently using the grant on a research trip to Zurich.

Karin Maag reminded the members that the Nischan Award will be decided this year and announced the establishment of a new policy that applicants for the Chrisman award must be members at the time of their application.

6. *Archive for Reformation History* Report (Brad Gregory & Randall Zachman)

Randall Zachman reported that there were a significant number of submissions for this year, and that seven articles will be published this year. The volume size for next year was expanded to allow all articles currently accepted to be published since otherwise they would have had to wait until 2018. Any new submissions will be considered for publication in 2018 and the authors will be informed of this potential wait. He also reported that there are thirty-two articles now lined up for the special 2017 edition: 16 contributors from the US, 16 from Europe. Anne Jacobson Schutte asked whether the 2015 issue is out and Randall Zachman and Ute Lotz-Heumann agreed that yes it should be out now. Randall Zachman thanked his assistants past and present for all their help in getting the volume together.

7. Programming (Rudy Almasy, Amy Nelson Burnett, Ron Rittgers)

Karin Maag announced that that Rudy Almasy could not make the business meeting. She gave his report that there continues to be lots of interest in proposing sessions for Kalamazoo. She also reported that the Medieval Academy has reduced the number of sessions for SRR down to two, but that we hope to return back to three sessions in the near future.

Amy Nelson Burnett reported that SRR sponsored sixteen sessions this year at the SCSC. She thanked Geoffrey Dipple and other organizers for putting together series of panels. She then invited all to submit individual papers and sessions for next year; she also welcomes those organizers submitting series of thematic sessions.

Ron Rittgers explained that last year we had three Reformation-related sessions at the American Association for Church History (ASCH); this year we have fourteen sessions. He thanked David Whitford, Ward Holder, and Randall Zachman for helping the effort. He then reported that ASCH is working harder to get SRR back integrated into the association; they have established a task force to help make sure that there are sessions in 2017. Jeannine Olson asked whether ASCH meets with AHA, and whether the *Church History* editorship is changing over. Ron Rittgers confirmed that it does meet with AHA for now and that ASCH will be looking for a new institutional home and editors for the journal.

8. Web Page (Mack Holt)

Karin Maag thanked Mack Holt for all the work that he has done on the web page. She reports that we are looking for someone to replace him. Mack Holt stated that he is willing to serve until then.

9. Listserv (Randall Zachman and Karin Maag)

Randall Zachman reported that SRR is working on developing policy about the official use of the Listserv. We are considering developing a section on the webpage for member publications. He reminded members to send messages directly to the Listserv for approval.

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

David Whitford reported the progress of the planning committee, including involvement in planning joint sessions at ASCH and SCSC. We have also agreed to co-sponsor a plenary session at the Calvin Studies Conference meeting March 16-18, 2017 at Baylor. The conference theme is Calvin and the early Reformation. Karin Maag reported that the National Endowment for the Humanities funded the Summer Institute for College and University Teachers focused on teaching, titled "Teaching the Reformation After Five Hundred Years," that she, David Whitford, and Katherine Van Liere will be teaching at Calvin College in Grand Rapids from July 11-29, 2016. Guest faculty will include John Roth, Kirsten Walton, and Katherine French. There will be space for 25 participants, including 3 graduate students.

11. Revision of the Constitution (Kay Edwards)

Kay Edwards explained why the revisions had been done to update the constitution to match to what we do and to take into account new technologies. The last revision that needs to be done is the section about digital organization. Once the revisions are done, the constitution will be sent out to the organization.

12. Other New Business (Karin Maag)

Karin Maag announced that SRR will be meeting at the SCSC conference in Bruges. She asked members to consider inviting scholars from here and abroad to submit SRR sessions to sponsor. She also noted that the conference will be multilingual. She then thanked Michael Bruening, Ralph Keen, and Susan Karant-Nunn who are rotating off the executive council.

Louis Reith thanked SRR for organizing the Nischan award, especially Susan Karant-Nunn, Anne Jacobson Schutte, and Merry Wiesner-Hanks.

David Whitford moved to adjourn; Randall Zachman seconded. The proposal was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Plummer