

SOCIETY FOR REFORMATION RESEARCH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
30 OCTOBER 2020, Zoom(Not Baltimore)
Minutes

Meeting began at 12:01 Eastern time on Zoom. Present: Kathryn Edwards, Jill Fehleison, Karen Spierling, Amy Nelson Burnett, Jonathan Reid, Randolph Head, Marc Forster, Virginia Reinburg, Christopher Close, Beth Plummer, Michael Bruening, Gary Gibbs, Barbara Pitkin, Geoff Dipple, Jeff Watt, R. Ward Holder

1. Approval of 2019 Minutes (Kathryn Edwards)—minutes attached, Moved, Seconded, Passed unanimously

2. Nominating Committee Report (Jonathan Reid)—report attached

Regular action – Amy Leonard – at-large member of Executive Council, Robert Christman – member of Nominating Committee

*Necessary action – Amy Nelson Burnett’s term needed to be extended one year. All of these actions were received by the Executive Council, pending approval at the Business meeting.

3 and 4. Membership Report and Treasurer’s Report (Jill Fehleison)—reports attached

*Many accolades were given to new Treasurer and Membership Secretary Jill Fehleison. She reported about the problems of setting up the accounts, how materials had been presented to the bank, and questions were raised about the dues. The Society did not do well with dues in 2020, but expects with a return to something like “normal” in 2021, that should rebound. Jill is investigating the use of Venmo and Paypal. Discussion was offered about the possibility to reach out to a law firm or expert in non-profit finances. Laurel (Whitford) Vann’s name was suggested. The report was received, Moved, Seconded, Passed unanimously

5. Chrisman Fellowship

* President Kay Edwards set out procedures that would be adopted in the coming year.

6. Archive for Reformation History Report (Beth Plummer, Ute Lotz-Heumann)—report attached

* The editors presented ways that the Executive Council could be supportive of the Archive for Reformation History. These included sending submissions, encouraging others to submit, and identifying names of people who are productive of high quality scholarship to the editors. The editors suggested replacing the Editorial Board with a Board of Advisors, this was Moved, Seconded, Passed unanimously. The question was raised whether SRR “owns” the Archive for Reformation History? The editors reported that we “own” it with Walter DeGruyter, and discussions around this are ongoing.

7. Programming Committee (Amy Nelson Burnett, Rudy Almasy)—report attached

* The Programming Committee reported that the sessions had been a very good selection even though they were not presented, and that they would seek to have the same sessions, perhaps with even more, the coming year. The report was received, Moved, Seconded, Passed unanimously.

8. Facebook and Web Page (Michael Bruening) – report attached

*No questions, the report was received, Moved, Seconded, Passed unanimously

9. Listserv (Randall Zachman)

*Recording Secretary R. Ward Holder made the report in Randall Zachman's absence. No problems or issues

10. Other Old Business (Kathryn Edwards)

*President Kay Edwards will appoint an ad-hoc committee to review the draft policy on sexual harassment. This was Moved, Seconded, Passed unanimously

11. No New Business

Meeting adjourned at 1:00

Respectfully submitted,

R. Ward Holder, Recording Officer