

SOCIETY NOTES

MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CHURCH HISTORY

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

January 9, 2010

San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina San Diego, California

Attending: 38 persons

Meeting Convened: 5:05 p.m.

1. President's Remarks. President Charles Lippy offered a series of thanks: to the President-Elect and Program Committee Chair, Richard Heitzenrater, for organizing the program; to Baylor University for its support for the administrative work of the ASCH; to the Executive Secretary, Keith Francis, and his assistants, Elizabeth Wilson and Daniel Hoover. Lippy noted that two members of the ASCH received fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) and that he had made contact at the ACLS, meeting with an organization for independent scholars that has modest travel support available for such scholars.

2. Executive Secretary's Report. Keith Francis commented on the status of the Society's new website and stated that it will be fully functional at the beginning of May. Francis noted that, despite some difficulties, the ASCH office move, from Yale Divinity School to Baylor University, had been reasonably smooth.

3. Church History Editors' Report. John Corrigan thanked all those who had served as peer reviewers and who had written book reviews in the last year. He noted that the transition to Cambridge University Press as the publisher of the journal had gone well. For example, the editors received thirty-one article submissions from outside the United States in 2009, and institutional subscriptions were doing well, suggesting that *Church History's* distribution had broadened. Further, there had been a record of electronic downloads of articles from *Church History* (the most of the latter was an article on Joseph Smith; in general, the most popular articles were downloaded more than a thousand times). Corrigan noted that the editors have continued their recent policy of including long articles in the journal.

4. Committee Reports.

A. Membership. Committee Chair Candy Brown pointed out that the drop in membership of 50 percent from 2008 was a loss of those members who had not paid their dues. (Such delinquent members were not removed from the

membership database in previous years.) Brown noted the substantial number of delinquent members who lived outside the United States: the Society would need to address this problem. With regard to make-up of the Society, one-third of the Society's members are graduate students; having graduate students pay \$25 for membership after two years of free membership should enable the Society to track whether these students are becoming full members of the Society. Last, Brown drew attention to the Council's creation of a new category of member, an honorary member. Honorary members are retired persons over the age of 65 who remain members of the Society but no longer receive *Church History*.

B. Nominations. Committee Chair Grant Wacker proposed the name of Barbara Newman, Professor of English, Religion, and Classics at Northwestern University, as the president-elect. **VOTED: By acclamation.** Wacker also presented the names of the Council Class of 2012: Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania; Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College; Andrew Jacobs, Scripps College; Jehu Hanciles, Fuller Theological Seminary; Bruce Hindmarsh, Regent College (Canada).

C. Research. Committee Chair Daniel Bornstein announced the names of the winners of the Society's prizes for 2009. Philip Schaff Prize: John Van Engen, University of Notre Dame, for *Sisters and Brothers of the Common Life: The Devotio Moderna and the World of the Later Middle Ages* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008). Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer Prize: William Inboden, Legatum Institute, for *Religion and American Foreign Policy, 1945–1960* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008). Sidney E. Mead Prize: David King, a Ph.D. candidate at Emory University, for his essay, "The West Looks East: The Influence of Toyohiko Kagawa on American Mainline Protestantism." The Jane Dempsey Douglass Prize was not awarded. Van Engen was presented with the Schaff Prize by Bornstein and President Lippy. Bornstein noted that there had been twenty-four submissions for the Schaff Prize and only two submissions for the Douglass Prize; he encouraged members to nominate essays for the latter. Bornstein also drew attention to the new rules passed by the Council with regard to the prizes, particularly the fact that the winner of the Schaff and Outler prizes will receive \$2,000 in the future.

D. Finance. Substituting for the chair Hans Hillebrand, the Executive Secretary stressed the need for the Society to develop a financial plan. Francis also answered a question about the loan of \$50,000 which the Society had taken from its Schwab account: this matter would be addressed by the ad-hoc financial planning committee (whose members will be chosen by the new president, Richard Heitzenrater). Peter Williams moved, Steve Marini seconded the motion to accept the budget for 2010. **VOTED: By acclamation.**

E. Program Committee. Committee Chair Richard Heitzenrater noted that this had been a good year for paper submissions—more than fifty were not included in the program. Heitzenrater appealed to members to submit their papers and sessions for next year's meeting early in order to facilitate the work of the new program committee chair.

5. Other Business. President Lippy asked past presidents of the Society to stand and be recognized. Seven were present.

6. In Memoriam. Robert Handy, a recipient of the Distinguished Career Award and a past ASCH President, and Thomas Schafer, of Nashville, Tennessee, were mentioned as having died in the past year.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

ASCH BUDGET	January–June 2009 Actual	July–December 2009 Projected	July–December 2009 Actual	2010 Projected
REVENUE				
Member Dues	22,800.00	65,000.00	37,485.00	65,000
Conference Receipts	7,588.31	8,000.00	6,055.00	8,000
Advertising	1,000.00			0
Sale of Copies				0
Sale of Member List				0
Reprints				0
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,000.00			0
Interest				0
Royalties	10,845.20		5,929.85	10,000
Donations			780.00	
Draw on Investment				0
Subtotal	43,233.51	73,000.00	50,249.85	83,000
Additional Revenue from Church History				
Editorial Office Support (from CUP)	20,000.00			21,424
Profit-sharing (with CUP)	8,000.00			28,000
JSTOR Royalties	7,747.12		55.89	6,000
Subtotal	35,747.12	0.00	55.89	55,424
TOTAL REVENUE	78,980.63	73,000.00	50,305.74	138,424
EXPENSES	January–June 2009 Actual	July–December 2009 Projected	July–December 2009 Actual	2010 Projected
<i>CHURCH HISTORY-FSU</i>				
Editorial Staff				
Coordinating Editors	8,000.00	9,200.00	800.00	8,650

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ASCH BUDGET	January–June 2009 Actual	July–December 2009 Projected	July–December 2009 Actual	2010 Projected
Graduate Assistants				
Senior Graduate Assistant (Copy Editor)	7,230.18	7,600.00	7,599.96	15,200
Book Review Editor	8,132.96	8,150.00	8,149.98	
Printing & Distribution				
Cadmus Press Carryover	12,500.00	6,650.00	6,686.46	0
Travel & Training				
Graduate Assistant Training				
Editors' Travel to ASCH meeting	1,733.80			3,000
Senior Graduate Assistant to Annual Meeting				1,500
Copy Editor to Annual Meeting	703.48			
Office				
Supplies		3,500.00	14.45	3,500
Postage		1,500.00	711.27	1,500
Printing & Photocopying			777.38	
Telephone/Telecommunications			194.70	
Technology				
Computer Depreciation		250.00		500
Scanner Depreciation				0
Printer Depreciation		150.00		300
Repairs		500.00		500
FSU Maintenance Fee				1,500
Consultants/Hospitality				800
Moving Costs				
Subtotal	38,300.42	37,500.00	24,934.20	36,950
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY	January–June 2009 Actual	July–December 2009 Projected	July–December 2009 Actual	2010 Projected
Executive Secretary				
Salary	4,359.07	9,000.00	4,500.00	18,000

Travel-ASCH	930.37	600.00	340.40	2,500
Travel-ASCH-related		2,000.00	1,624.14	2,000
Assistant to Executive Secretary				
Salary	3,750.00	3,750.00	5,625.00	12,000
Travel	741.93	1,200.00	740.80	2,750
Postage & Supplies		2,000.00	1,547.26	4,000
Payroll Service Fees		660.00	771.30	1,320
Accountant Fees		2,000.00	1,440.61	2,000
Payroll Taxes				
Federal	1,236.36	1,250.00	955.11	3,500
SS/Med	1,829.38	2,000.00	1,931.61	5,000
State	40.35		80.00	
Computer Hardware/Software				0
Website		1,500.00	583.63	11,000
Telephone				0
Workmen's Compensation Insurance				0
Penalty & Interest				
Depreciation				
Bank Charges				
Bank of America - Business Savings	90.00	60.00	60.00	180
Bank of America - Checking Account			32.00	
License & Fees				0
Copyright				0
Refunds & Cancellations		200.00		200
Subtotal	12,977.46	26,220.00	20,231.86	64,450
CONFERENCES/OUTREACH	January–June 2009 Actual	July–December 2009 Projected	July–December Actual	2010 Projected
Spring Conference Fees	5,841.49			
Winter Conference Fees	2,250.00	2,000.00		15,000
Advertising				
AHA	2,890.00	5,000.00		5,000

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ACLS	1,635.00			1,635
CIHEC		50.00	45.75	50
Prizes & Awards		3,600.00		3,600
Student Travel Grants				1,500
Independent Scholar Travel Grants				0
Travel Grants (to Calvin Conference)	6,500.00			
Travel (Council)	291.39			1,000
Lodging (Council)	172.20		519.25	1,000
Conference Programs				0
Subtotal	19,580.08	10,650.00	565.00	\$28,785.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	70,857.96	74,370.00	45,731.06	\$130,185.00
SURPLUS	8,122.67	–1,370.00	4,574.68	\$8,239.00
ASSETS				
Schwab 7872	104,839.77	104,839.77	132,473.31	
Schwab 5872	40,112.90	40,112.90	55,054.36	
Bank of America - Business Savings	5,819.99	5,819.99	10,275.70	
Bank of America - Checking	14,395.33	14,395.33	16,271.73	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$173,290.66	\$163,797.99	\$218,649.78	\$8,239.00