

2007 Board Meeting

North American Patristics Society Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Quod Brasserie & Bar (High Street, Oxford, England) 08 August 2007

Attending: David Hunter (Pres), Paul Blowers (VPres), Clayton Jefford (Sec/Treas), Virginia Burrus (MatL), David Brakke (Ed), Maureen Tilley (recent past Pres)

David Hunter called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

1. General Discussion

A request was made for Jefford to provide a general description of the office of Secretary-Treasurer to Andrew Jacobs of the Nominating Committee to assist in the search for Jefford's replacement in that office by the May 2008 meeting.

Discussion ensued with regard to establishing criteria for the nomination of future recipients for the NAPS Distinguished Service Award. A variety of criteria was offered and reviewed. Jefford collected those suggestions for later review by Board members. The final list of criteria (approved by all Board members after the meeting) is as follows:

- (1) The candidate should be a senior scholar, advanced in the career in patristics study.
- (2) The candidate should have provided multifaceted forms of long term (at least 10 years) outstanding service to the Society and/or the field of patristics study in general.
- (3) Two letters of recommendation on behalf of the candidate shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Society, who shall then circulate the recommendation to all members of the Board for consideration.
- (4) The deadline for applications shall be 01 May in order to facilitate review by Board members at their annual meeting in consideration of presentation of the award during the following year.
- (5) Candidates for the award shall be approved only by unanimous consent of all voting Board members.

The Society does not anticipate that the award will be made each year. All nominations and discussions about them will be held in confidence.

Discussion ensued with regard to the annual meeting of May 2008. Plenary speakers have been arranged. SMI has already been in contact with Blowers and Hunter with regard to the meeting's location arrangements. A "call for papers" announcement will be distributed in the September edition of the *Patristics* newsletter.

2. Report of Officers

a. Secretary-Treasurer (Jefford)

[written report on file in the office of the Secretary/Treasurer]

As directed by the Board at its 2006 meeting, the NAPS website has been enlarged to include a space for advertisements by publishers in the field of patristics and related areas. The fee for a one-page advertisement has been set at \$20 per month. To date, three publishers have made use of this service.

The spring issue of the *Patristics* newsletter was not published and distributed due to lack of available materials.

The Society finds itself in good circumstances financially. Both the *JECS*, membership fees, and investments have added to the sound financial position of the Society.

3. Committee Reports

a. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (Brakke)

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It may be time to negotiate a new contract with the JHUP for production of the *JECS*. There is a substantial backlog of articles awaiting publication. The journal is doing well, but the need for additional pages may justify the inclusion of more pages each year as part of the standard contract. Brakke was authorized by the Board to seek further inquiry into the contract situation between the NAPS and the JHUP in this regard.

Discussion arose with respect to whether it was advisable to offer a new publication for book reviews. It was suggested that such reviews could be presented on the NAPS website rather than within the journal itself.

A clear word limit for submitted articles to be included in the journal will be established in the near future.

A motion to reappoint two associate editors (Denis Trout and Lucas Van Rompay) to new three-year terms was offered (Brakke), seconded (Hunter) and approved.

b. Patristic Monograph Series (Jefford for Rousseau)

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The series has one volume close to publication, one ready for copy-editing, and three others currently under revision.

A motion to reappoint five editorial board members (Susanna Elm, Patricia Cox Miller, Claudia Rapp, Dennis Trout, and Robin Darling Young) to new three-year terms was offered (Jefford for Rousseau), seconded (Blowers) and approved.

c. Best First Published Paper Award (Hunter)

As selected by a committee of reviewers, the winner of this year's award was Paul R. Kolbet, for his article "Athanasius, the Psalms, and the Reformation of the Self," published in *Harvard Theological Review* 99 (2006): 85-101

4. David Hunter adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton N. Jefford

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