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NAPS Conference 2004

The Seventeenth Annual NAPS Meeting will be held on 27-29 May 2004 at Loyola University in Chicago. Later this year the agency that will make arrangements for the meeting, Group Travel Plus, will offer all participants the opportunity to register for the meeting, housing, meals and any travel needs on-line.

Ideally, GTP would like to correspond with meeting participants by email and would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to register your email address at the following website:

www.t100g.com/NAPS2004. htm.

Your email address will be treated with confidentiality and will be used only for the purpose of communications about the NAPS meeting. For those who do not wish to register by email, please be aware that a registration form will also be sent later by regular mail.

Call for Papers

Any NAPS member in good standing who wishes to read a paper at the annual meeting in May 2004 is asked to submit the title of your paper and a brief abstract of

approximately 300 words by 15 January 2004 to the following address:

James E. Goehring Vice-President, NAPS Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion Trinkle Hall 235 Mary Washington College Fredericksburg, VA 22401 (jgoehrin@mwc.edu)

In order to facilitate the anonymous review process, abstracts should be submitted with the title of the paper but without the name of the author appearing on the page on which the abstract is typed. Review committee members read abstracts with the following criteria in mind:

- 1) clear thesis
- 2) knowledge of the sources
- 3) awareness of relevant issues of method, philosophy, and/or history
- 4) originality
- 5) subject matter that falls within the parameters defined by late antiquity and patristic studies.

Please indicate if Power Point or audio-visual equipment is needed for your presentation.

In addition, anyone who is willing to chair a session at the meeting is asked to contact Jim Goehring. You need not read a paper in order to chair a session, but please indicate your general areas of interest.

Proposals for complete sessions, which normally comprise four papers, are always welcome. Proposals for special sessions—for example, the discussion by several members of a recent book—are also welcome.

We want to make the meeting as valuable as possible for all members, and we appreciate suggestions for ways in which the program may be improved.

Best First Article

Again this year, NAPS will award a prize of \$250 for the best first article in the field of patristics (including any discipline represented by NAPS) published by a NAPS member in a scholarly journal. For the current competition, articles should have been published no earlier than January 2002.

Any member of the Society may submit an article to the competition, regardless of whether that person is the author. Articles may be sent as off prints or photocopies. A short cover letter should state that the article is the author's first scholarly publication. The deadline for submission is 1 March 2004 with the winner to be announced at the

annual meeting in May. Please submit articles to:

William Tabbernee Phillips Theol. Seminary 901 North Mingo Road Tulsa, OK 74116 (william.tabbernee@ptstulsa.edu)

Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee of NAPS seeks nominations for the following positions: Vice-President and two Members-at-Large. Elections will take place at the annual meeting in May. Members of NAPS may send nominations to the Chairman of the Committee at the following address:

D. Jeffrey Bingham Dallas Theological Seminary 3909 Swiss Avenue Dallas, TX 75204 (djbingham@dts.edu)

Announcements

The Library of Early Christianity, founded by a challenge grant of the NEH and with the support of many members of the NAPS, solicits new texts/translations of patristic works of all genres and languages. We intend to publish documentary and literary works of early Christianity in affordable, upto-date, bi-lingual editions, accompanied by historical introductions with critical and explanatory notes. We are especially interested in works that are not easily available elsewhere. For a copy of the editorial guidelines and other information, please contact:

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