

**REA-APPRRE
Annual Business Meeting
Draft Minutes
Westin Waltham
Boston, MA
November 10, 2013**

The meeting opened at 11:15am.

The agenda for the meeting was presented. Eileen Daly moved and Maureen O'Brien seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion passed

- I. Approval of the Minutes from November 4, 2012 Business Meeting.
After a review, it was suggested that last names be included in the Minutes. Alan Smith moved and Eileen Daly seconded that the Minutes be approved as amended. Motion passed.
- II. Reports
 - A. Treasurer's Report

Lucinda reported on the handouts. She drew everyone's attention to the Balance Sheet handout of the association's assets and financial picture as of October 31, 2013. The bottom line is a balance of \$210, 818 with approximately \$115,000 of that coming from our investments. Brief discussion ensued.
 - B. Budget for 2014

Michael Horan presented the proposed 2014 budget. He noted that the challenge in preparing such documents has to do with the fact that final bills and invoices for the annual meeting come after the meeting. He drew everyone's attention to the point that the board is presenting a budget that is not balanced then explained why it was decided to present such a budget. Michael further noted issues concerning the challenges of the catering costs for the annual meeting and the board retreat costs and noted that there are measures being taken to reduce the costs of key areas and to be good managers of the finances for the association. Attention was also drawn to the added cost for management of the website. Previously this was offered pro bono but now we need to pay the website manager for it. Discussion ensued. Eileen Daly moved and Burton Everist seconded to accept the ~~2013~~ 2014 budget. Motion passed.
 - C. Executive Secretary's Report
Lucinda Huffaker presented her report. She drew attention to the video that was shown throughout the weekend and how it can be accessed. She reported on the attendance for the 2013 conference and noted it was higher than the year before with 185 participants with 37 of that number being international participants. There are 301 members in the association. Elizabeth Nolan moved and Margaret Ann Crain seconded to receive the Executive Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

D. Web Manager's Report

Sybrina Atwaters reminded the membership that web management and networking coordination was separated as of last year and that she stayed on for the year to manage the website and related needs. She reported that Task Forces can post information and documents on the website and post their books in the ebook section. She reminded everyone to fill out the Evaluation Form for the conference. Sybrina offered her appreciation for being able to support the association. Elizabeth Nolan moved and Eileen Daly seconded to receive the Report. Motion passed.

E. *Journal* Editor's Report

Jack Seymour offered a brief report on the *Journal*. He noted the high number of submissions and the increasing number of international and faith perspective submissions. He noted that our work with Taylor & Francis has been most effective for the association. So far this year, there have been more than 18,500 citations from the *Journal*. We have also gained 50 members as a result of their work. The *Journal* is now in over 6,000 libraries around the world. Susanne Johnson moved and Elizabeth Nolan seconded to receive the Report. Motion passed.

F. Nominating Committee Report and Election of New Board Members

The Committee has offered the following slate of members:

Harold (Bud) Horell: 2015 Program Chair, Vice-President Elect

Arch Wong: At-Large Board Member

Mualla Selcuk: At-Large Board Member

Ryan Gardner: Religious Education in Academic Disciplines & Institutions

Carmichael Crutchfield: Religious Education in Faith Communities Forum Board

Dean Manternach: Religious Education in Public Life and the Global Community

Boyoung Lee: Harper Committee

Kevin Sanberg: Student Representative

Eileen Daly moved and Kieran Scott seconded that the slate be accepted. There being no additional nominations from the floor, the question was called. Motion passed.

III. 2014 Annual Meeting

Mai-Ahn Tran discussed the theme for the 2014 Annual Meeting – Religion and Education in the (un) Making of Violence. She noted that in reviewing past themes, it was clear that the annual meetings has been moving more and more into the public arena. She drew everyone's attention to the description in the folder and the Call for Papers handout. One hope is the through the conference, we can draw on the collective wisdom and engage in collective insight gathering rather than just present papers. A brief video was presented to set the tone for the theme. It was noted that the theme is in keeping with the association's strategic priority of articulating religious education's distinctive nature, functions, values and contributions to scholarly and public imagination about contemporary civic and religious lives. It is hoped that sessions will shed light on the dimensions of faith/spirituality/religiosity and the dimensions of teaching/learning.

Two key areas to consider include: (1) On the teaching/learning of violence, RE scholars could inquire into how various mediums of religion and education function explicitly and implicitly to produce matrices, mindsets, or culture of violence. (2) On our efforts to find clues for the un-making of violence, RE scholars could press for how the very tools and mediums of religious education could offer distinctive yet cross-or inter-disciplinary contributions.

Mai-Ahn Tran offered three suggestions to the participants to consider: (1) Think about and suggest new ways or modalities for sessions; collaborative opportunities. (2) Look for new resources rather than the tried and true images. (3) Use the website to suggest new and different resources. Brief discussion ensued.

IV. Other Business and Reports

A. Suggestions and Discussions

Brief discussion ensued with participants

B. Announcements

1. Lucinda Huffaker introduced the new Networking Coordinator, Mary Ellen Durante.
2. Yolanda Smith reminded the participants of the Editor-in-Chief search and the REA session at this year's AAR conference to be held Saturday, November 23 from 6:30-8:00pm and encouraged those planning to attend AAR to come to the session. It will feature the past, current and in-coming president of REA discussing our research and developments of the field. She also drew everyone's attention to the quilt that was created at the 2012 Annual Meeting and the postcards that were created featuring the quilt. The quilt is housed at Yale in the Supervised Ministry suite but that members may request to use it.

Yolanda also acknowledged Sybrina Atwaters and her contributions with the website, blogs and digital work. She showed appreciation for outgoing board members. She acknowledged Siebren Medema for his work with the program this year and Lucinda's work this year.

There being no further business, Russ Dalton moved and Eileen Daly seconded to close the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Winings
Secretary