

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES - APRIL 24, 1984

The Executive Committee of the Wesleyan Theological Society met at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, 1984, at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, Room 517, Indianapolis, Indiana, during the 116th Annual Convention of the Christian Holiness Association.

The president, David L. Cubie, called the meeting to order and R. Larry Shelton led in prayer. Special mention was made of the absence of two members of the committee, Alex R. G. Deasley and Donald W. Dayton, who were serving in overseas ministries in Europe and South America, respectively.

The minutes of the 1983 annual meeting and the corresponding Executive Committee Minutes were reviewed for agenda items. Note was made that David L. Thompson, immediate past president, has declined to serve as chairman of the 1984 Nominating Committee, or as a member of the same. Consequent upon his decline, Paul M. Bassett has agreed to serve as the chairman.

The motion was made by R. Larry Shelton that printing deadlines be established with Old Paths Tract Society on an annual basis of April 15 and September 1, for the Spring and Fall numbers of the Journal. The motion passed. The president will contact Old Paths to ascertain the deadlines they must establish for manuscripts to be first received, set, proofread and returned from the Editor, for printing and delivery of the Journal by April 15 and September 1 each year.

It was further passed by motion and vote that upon the election of the Editor for a three-year term, beginning at the 1984 Annual Meeting, an editorial secretary be employed at a recommended honorarium of \$250.00 per year, and that the Editor continue to receive an honorarium of \$250.00, with the work coordinated at the Editor's discretion. Upon further discussion by the Executive Committee prior to the 1984 Annual Meeting, this is to be made as a recommendation to the membership for approval.

R. Larry Shelton moved and it was passed that the Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to hire a secretary for an average of up to 5 hours per week during the year at the minimum wage rate and that this be made as a recommendation to the membership at the annual meeting of 1984.

It was approved that the invitations to host the annual meetings of 1985 and 1986 be given to Olivet Nazarene College and Seattle Pacific University, respectively. (Dr. Leslie Parrott requests a moderate space on the program to address the Society. David Cubie will provide copies of the invitations and his responses to the invitations to the members of the Executive Committee for their files).

It was agreed that the name President-Elect be changed to First Vice President in view of the action taken at the 1983 annual meeting that the program chairman be elected two years in advance, and that there be a Second Vice President who succeeds the First Vice President and subsequently becomes President of the Society. The necessary Constitutional By Law changes would thus include the following:

ARTICLE V: Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President . . .

Section 4. . . . If the office of the President becomes vacant the First Vice President shall succeed to that office and the Executive Committee shall appoint an eligible person to fill the unexpired term of the First Vice President.

ARTICLE VI: Duties of the Officers

Section 2. The First Vice President shall serve . . .

Section 3. The Second Vice President shall serve as the chairman of the Program and Arrangements Committee to plan and promote the program for the Annual Meeting which occurs during his term of office as First Vice President. He shall succeed to the office of the First Vice President when the First Vice President becomes the President, except as provided in ARTICLE V: Officers, Section 4.

Section 3. Renumber as Section 4. Section 4. Renumber as Section 5.

ARTICLE VIII: The Executive Committee

Section 2. C. To serve as the Program and Arrangements Committee, with the First and Second Vice Presidents as chairmen in the respective year of their office as First Vice President.

ARTICLE IX: Committees

Section 1. A Program and Arrangements Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee, with the First and Second Vice Presidents as chairmen in the respective year of their office as First Vice President.

(The above areas of the By Laws seem to be the only ones effected by the creation of the office of Second Vice President. Please study the wording so that it may be agreed upon prior to presentation to the membership by mail in accord with ARTICLE XI, and the thirty day notice required for voting on any constitutional change).

David Cubie reported on the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches, which met March 22-24, 1984, at Falken, New York, and which he and Donald Dayton attended. He reported that they were warmly received and that Jeff Gros, a Roman Catholic is promoting a working relationship with as many evangelicals as possible. The next meeting of the Commission will be October 11-14, in Washington, D.C. The cost of registration, transportation and meals is an item of expense that must be cared for by the Society if they are serving as liaison representatives for five years (see minutes of Executive Committee, 5 November, 1983, which states that these men were appointed for three-year terms).

A short discussion was given to the mechanics of meeting at Emory University, Cannon Chapel, November 2-3, 1984. It was decided that a second meeting would be held at 5:00 p.m. in Room 517, with a light meal served, Wednesday, April 25. Meeting adjourned.

WTS Executive Committee Minutes - April 25, 1984

The Executive Committee met at 5:00 p.m. with a light meal being served in Room 517. Wayne Caldwell led in prayer. David Cubie presided and during the meal time several areas of interest were discussed, including the idea of WTS Regional Chapters being formed for exchange of ideas in papers and fellowship. No pattern of a method for stimulating such chapters emerged.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented a report of finances and membership since November 1, 1983. (See Report)

The remainder of the time prior to the evening service at 7:00 p.m. was spent in discussing the 1984 program. The theme for the Annual Meeting will be: The Wesleyan Heritage in America. Major topics and papers as subtopics include: I. The Wesleyan Quadrilateral in Wesley; II. The Ideological and Theological Heritage in American Methodism; III. The Theology of Experience in Wesley. Program chairman, R. Larry Shelton is to finalize the program using names from a pool of selected possibilities and have all the details worked out for printing by July 1, 1984.

It was agreed that a special 200/20 edition of the program should be furnished, using slick paper and symbolic representations of the two anniversary celebrations.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne E. Caldwell

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