

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

4 November 1983

The annual business meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by David L. Thompson in the auditorium of Byrum Hall at Anderson College.

As a first item of business, the society elected a teller's committee consisting of Jeff Hyatt, Wesley Vanderhoof, and Laverne Blowers. Representing absent chairman Paul Bassett, Mel Dieter presented the ballot as a report of the nominating committee.

The society received secretary/treasurer's Wayne Caldwell's nine-month as attached in absentia and expressed appreciation to his daughter Euni and her husband Brain Rickey for their work on behalf of the society during his absence.

The society received the attached report of promotional secretary Donald W. Dayton.

The society received the attached report of Editor Alex R.G. Deasley in his absence.

The society adopted the attached amendment to the constitutional by-laws, adding article IX, section 4 providing for a standing nominating committee.

The society resoundingly rejected the recommendation of the executive committee that the CHA statement of faith be substituted for the WTS doctrinal statement. Instead the society voted to ask the CHA to enter into dialogue with the WTS with the purpose of achieving a common statement of faith.

The society amended and adopted the recommendation of the executive committee with regard to honorary membership as follows:

Those full, associate or student members who were charter members of the WTS, or who have twenty continuous years of membership in the society, and who notify the secretary in writing, shall be exempted from further payment of dues upon retirement, with full rights and privileges accorded them in the type of membership they have maintained before retirement.

The society instructed the executive committee to prepare the necessary constitutional revisions to facilitate the suggestion of the executive committee that full members and only full members be required to subscribe to the doctrinal statement.

The society accepted the recommendation that the Wesleyan Theological Society establish liaison relationship with the Commission on Faith and Order and that the executive committee facilitate this decision.

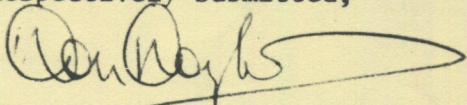
The society voted to instruct the executive committee to purpose constitutional revision that would provide for the election of a program chairman two years in advance of the assignment who would succeed to the office of president-elect.

The Tellers reported the election of Larry Shelton as president-elect, Donald Dayton as promotional secretary, Harold Burgess as new member of the editorial committee and Charles Dillman as new member of the membership committee. The report of the committee is attached.

In view of the election of the chairman of the membership committee as president-elect, the society voted to elevate Charles Baldwin to the position of chairman of the membership committee, to assign newly elected member of the committee Charles Dillman and to elect George Lyons to the two-year term.

The meeting concluded with a series of annoucements from the members and was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald W. Dayton", written over a horizontal line.

Donald W. Dayton
Secretary pro tem

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