

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 1982

The Annual Business meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society was held at First Church of the Nazarene, adjacent to the Nazarene Bible College Campus, Colorado Springs, Colorado, with 35 members in attendance. Paul Bassett presided and Alex Deasley led in the opening prayer.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer was received as distributed by motion, support and vote (see report).

The report of the Auditor was received by vote (see report).

The report of the Promotional Secretary was received by motion and vote (see report).

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by the chairman, Wayne G. McCown, in the form of the official nominating ballot (see copy of the ballot). The president asked for additional nominations for each of the offices. None were made from the floor, and by motion and vote the ballot was declared official. It was then moved and supported that the ballot for president elect be a plurality ballot, inasmuch as three names were on the ballot. The motion carried.

The ballots were cast, collected and canvassed by the Board of Tellers, Robert Mattke, chairman, Frank Spina, Otis Sayes and Dale McCarthy. The following officers were declared elected:

President Elect - David L. Cubie
Promotional Secretary - Donald W. Dayton
Editorial Committee Member - Dennis Kinlaw (3-year term)
Membership Committee Member - Charles E. Baldwin (3-year term)
(See official ballot copy for vote totals)

The report of the Editor was received by motion and vote (see report).

The President Elect, David L. Thompson reported orally with thanks expressed to all the people who participated either by presenting a paper, by responding to a paper or by attending this annual meeting.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee to add guidelines for the Nominating Committee to the Standing Rules was presented. By motion, support and vote the recommendation was approved (see copy of recommendation).

A motion to suspend the rules and consider the matter for the change of Bylaws regarding structure of the Nominating Committee was made. The motion was supported. The motion to substitute the words "to suspend the 30-day rule of notification of all members" for "suspend the rules" was made and passed by unanimous vote. The vote on the substitute motion lost with 26 members voting of which 17 were yes and 9 were no, thus lacking one vote for the necessary 2/3 rds vote.

The motion was made and passed that the Executive Committee should follow the procedure recommended, but that the membership should be notified in writing of the proposed change in the Bylaws no less than 30 days prior to the 1983 Annual Meeting, whereupon the recommendation may be presented for vote.

Discussion was given to the possibility of a broader involvement in the Oxford Institute by the WTS. In spite of the complexity of the organization structure of the Institute there seems to be an opening for dialog and involvement by the Society. Paul Bassett was invited by the World Methodist Council to be a participating member of the Institute. Albert Outler with a broad ecumenical constituency in a meeting at Notre Dame on "Hallowing of Life" was mentioned. Such openings to listen and dialog with WTS constituency was encouraged in the discussion. Ted Runyan has made the Society aware of the 1983 bicentennial conference at Emory University in August.

Donald Dayton pointed up the issues and concerns of entering into various consultations for dialog. The motion was made to refer this matter to the Executive Committee. By support and vote it was further ordered that a network of communication, information and exchange with the broader spectrum of organizations that have similar purposes, projections and roots, be developed.

Discussion was also briefly given to questions of identity with the CHA and/or other groups with which dialog and interaction may be held.

The motion was made to accept the proposed budget for 1983. The motion passed (see proposed budget).

The meeting was adjourned.

The annual banquet of the WTS was held on the Nazarene Bible College campus with 110 in attendance. David L. Thompson presided with prayer by J. Wesley Adams. A lovely dinner was enjoyed. After dinner music was provided by Dorothy Brown, Professor of Voice at NBC, accompanied by Penny Nordemann, as "And Can It Be" was sung to an appreciative audience.

Paul Bassett gave the Presidential Address titled, "Wesleyan Theology and the Protestant Principle."

Attendances at the various sessions were as follows:

Friday, November, 5, 1982

8:45 a.m. - Devotions - 105	1:30 p.m. - 3rd Paper - 90
9:00 a.m. - 1st Paper - 105	3:30 p.m. - Business - 35
11:00 a.m. - 2nd Paper - 105	7:00 p.m. - Banquet - 110

Saturday, November 6, 1982

8:00 a.m. - Devotions - 65
8:30 a.m. - 4th Paper - 80
10:30 a.m. - 5th Paper - 80

Wayne E. Caldwell

Wayne E. Caldwell, Secretary-Treasurer

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL BYLAWS OF THE WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER, 1982

ADD:

ARTICLE IX: Committees

Section 4. A Nominating Committee shall consist of the five most recent past presidents of the Society. The immediate past president of the Society shall serve as chair. Should any of the five most recent past presidents be unable or ineligible to serve, the next most recent past president, able and eligible, shall serve. Should the immediate past president be unable or ineligible to serve, the committee may elect its own chair. The committee shall present to the annual meeting of the Society a ballot as prescribed in ARTICLE V, Section 2.

If/when the above amendment by addition to the Bylaws is approved, the following is recommended for insertion as an addition to the Standing Rules, II. Relating to Officers, Committees and Procedures, as subpoint E.

E. Guidelines for the Nominating Committee (cf. Bylaws, ARTICLE V, Section 2).

1. While perceived ability to carry forward the work of the Society in an acceptable manner and spirit should be the primary consideration in making nominations, due attention should be given to the fact that the membership do tend to give consideration to denomination identity and proportionate representation in the administration of the Society.

2. The Nominating Committee should have its work done no less than thirty days before the Annual Meeting of the Society. This would include consultation with any candidates to ascertain their availability for service. The Secretary of the Society should be informed as soon as the Committee has decided upon a ballot so that it may be prepared for the meeting by the Secretary.

3. While it would be unwise to limit the Committee to but two nominees for each office (see ARTICLE V, Section 2 of the Bylaws), it would seem that a ballot with more than two names for any position unnecessarily complicates the voting and could serve divisive purpose.