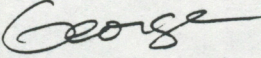


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Memorandum

From: George Lyons, President   
To: Executive Committee, Wesleyan Theological Society  
Date: January 6, 1994  
Subject: Ken Collin's request for funding for a Keynote Speaker for 1995

Accompanying this letter you will find a copy of Ken Collin's letter of December 21, 1993, which you should read before continuing with this memo.

Ken's requests call for two decisions by the Executive Committee. We need to formalize our acceptance of Methodist College's invitation to schedule our meeting in 2000 on their campus. Please send your YES or NO vote to Bill Kostlevy, who will report our decision in a letter to us.

On the second matter, allow me to give you some background information you may or may not already know.

As I recall, for about four years the Society followed a program format that included a "Keynote Address" by "big-name-attraction" speakers. I chose to abandon this format in my 1993 program plans because I wanted to allow more time for papers by average members of the Society. The introduction of "Concurrent Sessions" was my alternative. Don is following a format similar to mine for 1994, but more because of our current budget crunch, than out of conviction.

When we had keynote speakers, our practice was (as I recall) to pay all of their travel expenses -- ground, plane, motel, and meals. Bill Kostlevy's records would probably give us an idea of how much money that involved.

I do not know how much our "special offer" for dues before the increase took effect helped us in raising capital. (I know that I, for one, forgot to care for it in time. I wrote a check for \$30 in December, forgot to mail it, and now have lost it. Are all professors [and so a good number of our members] equally absent minded?) Bill needs to update us on our current balance.

Barry indicates that we could easily have three journals come out before our 1994 meeting, if our budget allows. That would catch us for the first time in years. If we can find a way to make this happen, the journal is my first priority. Barry, how much would this cost us? If we can catch up and keep caught up on journal, our cash flow crisis will be solved. We cannot afford not to keep faith with our membership after our promises when we persuaded them to vote to raise their dues.

I said all that to say this: I'm not ready to make up my mind on Ken's proposal just yet. I'd like to know several things before I'll be ready to vote:

How much did the expenses related to keynoters in the past contribute to our current capital crisis? Can we afford to print journals and fund a keynote speaker? Based on today's prices, it would cost us around \$450 to fly some-

one from Atlanta to Boise, plus another \$100 or so to pay for their meals and room for two or three days. Can we afford this? What's our current cash balance? How well are dues payments are coming in? We should recall that we still owe CHA a yet-to-be finalized amount of no less than \$1000.

Nevertheless, we cannot delay our decision too long. We need to be fair to Ken and give him ample time to plan his program. Recall that he will need to have a rough sketch of this ready for our April conference-call meeting.

Bill Faupel, I still need the "Expectations for Host Institutions" from the Society for Pentecostal Studies to assist me in revising ours. Send them ASAP.

Ken, as soon as I hear from Bill F. and revise the WTS "Expectations" I'll correspond with Dr. Hendricks. What's his first name?

Don, the Fall 1993 issue of the *Evangelical Studies Bulletin* from Wheaton's "Institute for the Study of American Evangelical" was just routed to me this week. It had announcements of several fall 1994 meetings, including Asbury's "Methodism and the Shaping of American Culture" in October and the Society for Pentecostal Studies annual meeting in November. You ought to see if they would announce our fall 1994 meeting (and perhaps even a call for papers) in an upcoming issue. I've also enclosed two program items sent to me intended for you.

Bill Kostlevy, in addition to my check, I've enclosed (1) receipts for some incidental phone and postage expenses paid by NNC in behalf of WTS; and (2) a letter from Susie Stanley for our official records. I've enclosed copies of this for all of you.

Everyone, please share your information and your views about Ken's concern in a memo to us all ASAP. What do you think we should do? How soon do you think we need to decide one way or the other?

On another matter: Adjust your addresses for WTS officers as follows.

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Happy New Year! I look forward to hearing from you soon.