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For those not able to attend may I ask about the topic for the call for papers for next year's meeting?

On 7 Mar 02, at 14:30, Tom Phillips wrote:

> Friends,
> Last weekend several of us attended the annual
> meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society at Hobe
> Sound Bible College in southern FL. I thought that I
> would give you a brief report.
> Although the folks extended us the highest level
> of grace and hospitality, with just over 100 people
> present (by my quite unofficial count), this meeting
> was the most lightly attended meeting in my decade of
> participation in WTS. (Meetings on a coast tend to
> draw fewer people and the hotel was quite expensive by
> traditional WTS standards.)
> We were privileged to have both the Wesleyan
> Philosophical Society and the Society for Psychology
> and Wesleyan Theology join us. Personally, I found
> the addresses by the psychology people to be the high
> point of the meeting, although the plenary address by
> Billy Abraham was also well-received.
> In keeping with the trend of recent years,
> biblical scholars were largely absent. The most
> widely attended of the four papers in the Biblical
> section had 9 people in attendance (3 of whom were
> waiting to present their papers).
> Unless I overlooked someone, we had no one in
> attendance with a completed degree in OT and only full
> professor of NT present. Perhaps this is a fluke, or
> perhaps the (quite helpful) inclusion of the
> philosophy and psychology people signals a lack of

> interest in cultivating biblical scholarship at WTS.
> Neither of the candidates for president were
> present at the meeting, but Phil Meadows, professor of
> Evangelism at Garrett Evangelical Seminary was elected
> to the presidential track. (Phil also has extensive
> expertise in Wesley.) If I remember correctly, Phil
> is a Methodist. Roger Hahn, professor of NT at
> Nazarene Theological Seminary, was the other candidate
> on the ballot.

> Next year's meeting will be held at Asbury
> Theological Seminary and will be conducted as a joint
> meeting with the Society for Pentecostal Studies.

> Other attendees are encouraged to expand,
> correct or amend this brief report.

> In Christ,
> Tom Phillips

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