Minutes-Executive Committee-WTS April 16, 1997

The executive committee of the Wesleyan Theological Society was called to order by president Wes Tracy at 3:45pm at the Christian Holiness Association meeting in Lexington, KY. Members present were Doug Strong, first vice-president, Bill Kostlevy, secretary-treasurer, Barry Callen, editor, Ken Collins, chairman of the nominating committee and Bill Faupel, program co-chair representing the WTS at the joint SPS-WTS meeting in March, 1998.

The minutes of the 1996 executive committee were received and amended.

First vice-president Doug Strong reported on the 1997 meeting. Clark Pinnock will give the keynote address on the "Arminian Theological Agenda." Considerable discussion followed concerning proposals for papers at the 1997 meeting. Wes Tracy agreed to chair a forum for Wesleyan publishers. It was agreed that Dr. William Greathouse would receive Life Time Service Award at the 1997 meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer Bill Kostlevy reported that the society was in excellent financial health. Also, he was authorized to establish a Homepage for WTS. It was agreed that he would work through the Christian Holiness Partnership, formerly Christian Holiness Association.

Editor Barry Callen reported that the Spring issue of the journal had been published. Evangel Publishing House had made a proposal to publish the journal. It was agreed that at this time the WTS would remain with Old Shoals Tract Society. Barry Callen expressed frustration that he had not received an article from Don Dayton on his role as WTS representative to the Faith and Order Commission. It was agreed that Don would not be given his honorarium until he has given Barry his report.

Ken Collins reported Methodist College had withdrawn its request to host the 2000 meeting of the WTS. The meeting will be held at Azusa Pacific University.

Bill Faupel reported on the 1998 joint WTS-SPS meeting. A call for papers will be sent out in June.

New Business-Doug Strong indicated that he would bring a proposal with a budget to the 1997 meeting of establishing a task force to encourage greater participation of women and minorities in the WTS.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

William Kostlevy secretary-treasurer