

Polanyi Society Board Meeting
November 18, 2016
7:00 p.m., Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Members Present: Gus Breyspraak, Andrew Grosso, Charles Lowney, Esther Meek, Marty Moleski, Phil Mullins, David Nikkel, David Rutledge, Diane Yeager.

Ex-officio: Paul Lewis.

Guests: Walt Gulick, Wally Mead, Eduardo Beira.

Given the travel delay for David Rutledge, Vice President Diane Yeager called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

The minutes of the 2015 meeting in Atlanta, with the correction that Paul Lewis as TAD editor has ex-officio status, were approved by acclamation.

The future of the Treasurer's position was discussed, as was the possibility of a student member on the Board.

The report of the Nominating Committee was approved unanimously with Gus Breyspraak, Andrew Grosso, and Phil Mullins re-elected to terms ending in 2019, with Phil Mullins to serve as President and Andrew Grosso as Vice President for 2017.

President Rutledge arrived at 7:49 and began presiding over the remainder of the meeting.

Paul Lewis noted the 4 issues of *Tradition and Discovery* this year rather than the usual 3 and the generous size limits in explaining why costs were up this year.

A recommendation from the *TAD* Board to continue with Faith Lab was adopted by consensus.

In relation to Phil Mullins' Web Site report, the new Polanyi wiki was discussed.

Jon Fennel will resend the membership report. In January he will work on the "deadwood" currently on our membership list.

Walt Gulick summarized this year's three sessions. Suggestions were offered for an invited speaker for next year's meeting in Boston: Christian Smith or Phillip Gorsky on Roy Bascar and his critical realism.

Summer Conferences and related matters: Andrew Grosso had nothing to add to the report he sent to Board members about this summer's Nashotah conference. A Budapest Conference will probably be scheduled for 2019. The sense of the Board was that we should cooperate with the Hungarian and British Polanyi related groups. The possibility of livestreaming a session with the Hungarian Society was mentioned.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Lowney's proposal to put \$2000 from the General Account into the Endowment Account passed unanimously.

Phil Mullins reported that two awards in honor of Richard Gelwick were given to students to attend the Nashotah Conference and that thank-you's were received from both.

Phil will work on an essay contest for students for next year's Boston sessions with the understanding that he will invoke help from other Board members.

In light of the afternoon's discussion regarding a Michael Polanyi Institute, the Board feels a sense of urgency to move forward.

Phil Mullins moved that Nashotah House be the repository for Polanyi materials and that up to \$1000 be authorized for expenses. Motion seconded by Esther Meek and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Nikkel, Secretary