

Polanyi Society Board Meeting
San Diego, California
Hilton Bayfront Sapphire, 400B
November 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:47 AM.

Members Present: Phil Mullins (presiding), Andrew Grosso, Jon Fennell, Gus Breyspraak, Paul Lewis (ex officio), David Nikkel, Bruce Vojak, Walt Gulick, Collin Barnes, Jean Bocharova. Guests: Tim Simpson, David Rutledge, Dick Moody, David Stewart, Andy Steiger. Board members Ellen Bernal Tihamer Margitay and Esther Meek were absent but Meek appointed Walt Gulick her proxy.

1. The meeting minutes for the 2018 board meeting were accepted without changes.
2. Treasurer's Report → (NOTE: Because no official Endowment Committee meeting was held in 2019, discussion of its activities were combined with the Treasurer's report.) Charlie Lowney drafted the report. Questions were invited, but none were posed. Wally Mead's generous gift was again recognized.

Walt Gulick moved to grant Phil Mullins, Charles Lowney, and Jon Fennell discretionary authority to move money from the Capital 360 to one of the better Vanguard accounts without board approval. Collin Barnes seconded the motion. Bruce Vojak noted it would be prudent to periodically report transfers to the board to keep it aware of these activities. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Membership Report → Paul Lewis thanked Jon Fennell for maintaining up-to-date records of dues-paying members which facilitates distribution of TAD. Phil Mullins noted that dues and donations should continue to be encouraged from members.

4. TAD Report → The board thanked Andrew Grosso and Paul Lewis for their service, especially their help in shaping the future of TAD and maintaining positive relationships with Mercer University and Faithlab.

David Nikkel moved that the board support TAD's relationship with Faithlab for another year; Walt Gulick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Nominating Committee Report → Andrew Grosso moved that the board accept the committee's recommended nominations (i.e., Phil Mullins as President, Collin Barnes as Vice President, Bruce Vojak as Secretary, Craig Wickstrom and Andy Steiger as new board members; Mullins begins the first year of a third term in 2020 and Wickstrom and Steiger begin first terms commencing in 2020). Walt Gulick seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Walt Gulick moved to thank two departing board members, Andrew Grosso and Gus Breyspraak, for their service. Phil Mullins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Travel Committee → No news added beyond the provided report.

7. Program Committee → Phil Mullins indicated that a small measure of pressure is being placed on the society by the AAR to demonstrate its status as a "related scholarly organization." David Rutledge assured the board of the AAR's satisfaction with the society's activities. The board agreed to plan the annual meeting in conjunction with the AAR for 2020 (with "inversions" as a possible organizing theme), and left open the question of a scheduled board meeting until later. Collin Barnes shared the results of an

informal survey of society members distributed via the listserv. Responses generally indicated openness to rethinking the society's relationship to AAR and perhaps pursuing meetings with other organizations, but no clear alternatives were proposed. Options were briefly discussed by the board (e.g., Andrew Grosso mentioned the Torrance Theological Fellowship), but no consensus was reached.

8. Website report → Thanks was extended to Andy Steiger for taking over the society's Facebook page. The importance of regular updates was noted, as was the need to shift the page's emphasis away from TAD and to the society as a whole.

9. Nashotah House Conference → Andrew Grosso reviewed plans for Nashotah 2020 indicating that the event would be solvent with 20-to-25 attendees paying the regular registration fee.

David Nikkel moved to accept the proposal that Andrew Grosso be allocated up to \$2000 from the Special Projects and Travel Fund to support attendance at the pre-conference seminar and the 2020 Nashotah Conference. Jean Bocharova seconded. At the request of Walt Gulick, Phil Mullins clarified that travel money has typically been used in the past in connection with papers for the annual meeting (see the PS web site). These dollars put at Grosso's disposal are earmarked for the Nashotah events. If the money is not used, it will be returned to the Special Project and Travel Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Gus Breyspraak updated the board on the search for a new TAD editor. He reported that a strong candidate had been identified and that further conversations would be unfolding with the candidate in the near future. He also moved to accept the proposal that in the current fiscal year, up to \$1500 of the Special Projects and Travel Fund may be allocated for travel and/or conference fees for the TAD editor or future editor to attend the June 2020 Nashotah conference and the annual meeting and Board Meeting(s). Andrew seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Nikkel moved to accept Phil Mullins' and Walt Gulick's proposal to add an occasional paper series, which will be independent of TAD but published (i.e., online-only) and indexed in conjunction with the online TAD. Jean Bocharova seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Gus Breyspraak thanked Walt Gulick and Phil Mullins for the effort on this project.

The board thanked Phil Mullins for agreeing to another three years of service as president of the society.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

On December 26, 2019, President Mullins called into session an "electronic extension" of the November 22, 2019 San Diego meeting for the purpose of address the recently received Search Committee report recommending that David Stewart be appointed by the Board the new general editor of TAD and that Paul Lewis move to the position of managing editor of TAD.

The following motion was put on the floor by Collin Barnes and seconded by Andrew Grosso:

I move that The Board accepts the nomination of the TAD Editor Search Committee recommending that David Stewart becomes the TAD General Editor. We appreciate David's willingness to continue the good work of Paul Lewis as General Editor and welcome him as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors. We designate Paul as the TAD Managing Editor who will work with David on matters

concerned with the production of the printed TAD and relations with Mercer University. We thank Paul for his years of service as General Editor.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The “electronic extension” of the November 22, 2019 meeting was adjourned on December 31, 2019.

Collin Barnes, Secretary