

Polanyi Society Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting – Virtual Format

August 26, 2023

Members present: Collin Barnes, Ellen Bernal, Jon Fennell, Andrew Grosso, Paul Lewis, Charles Lowney, Esther Meek, Bruce Vojak, Craig Wickstrom

1. Welcome

Andrew noted the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm Central Time.

2. Approval of Polanyi Society Annual Board Meeting minutes from June 24, 2022

The minutes were approved with no changes. A discussion and decision were made to archive past meeting videos in the PS Dropbox.

3. Polanyi Society website

Things are moving along, but a bit behind. Now in the second round of the design process. Faithlab has been working on both the home page and section pages.

4. Tradition and Discovery

- TAD board recommends moving to a seriatum publishing schedule.
- The TAD board also recommends continuing to use Faithlab through 2024.
- The TAD board further recommends posting a call to hire a TAD editor. A discussion ensued regarding the compensation to be paid to someone in this position, whether they would serve as an independent contractor or employee, and what criteria or benchmarks might be imposed on someone in this role. Andrew confessed that the PS board has, once again, overfunctioned and that the PS needs to share insights from this discussion with the TAD board for their consideration. Collin seconded the motion (with the original motion submitted by the TAD board) to approve the position description for the TAD board to pursue filling the position through a search; the motion was approved.

5. Other issues

- Gus Breytspraak's request for reimbursement for the Poteat transcription project was discussed. Approval for payment was motioned and seconded; motion approved. The message to be sent to Gus will suggest that the society is amenable to full payment of actual expenses to those performing the transcription, rather than merely a donation toward their costs.
- The need for PS's change of address was discussed. It was noted that Phil may move out of MO, resulting in the PS losing a mailing address in the state where it is registered as a non-profit/tax-exempt organization. Options were discussed, including asking Gus (who lives in KS near MO) for a recommendation; exploring with Phil regarding speaking with the PS's current attorney; engaging with an attorney in general; and possibly seeking a permanent home for the PS

elsewhere, in an institution such as a Seminary/College/University (Nashotah House, University of Chicago, Hillsdale were all mentioned) that may appropriately host it.

- The program and meeting schedule going forward were discussed
 - In-person conferences were discussed, including
 - Nashotah House (perhaps next spring; Andrew to explore this)
 - Blackfriars at Oxford (perhaps next spring or the following spring; Andrew to explore this)
 - Hillsdale (related to this: Collin mentioned that Ian McGilchrist will be visiting Hillsdale by invitation from Collin; Jon indicated that a connection to Polanyi studies is that “Hillsdale is all about the defense of liberty”; Collin and Jon to explore this)
 - Zoom sessions
 - Jon noted that, while Zoom meetings are fine, there’s no substitute for in-person meetings.
 - Discussion regarding affiliation with AAR was tabled for consideration at a future meeting.
 - Upcoming meetings were noted to be scheduled on:
 - October 28, 2023
 - December 16, 2023

Andrew called the meeting to a close at 2:04 pm Central Time.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce A. Vojak
October 24, 2023