

## **Polanyi Society Board Meeting Minutes**

Board Meeting – Virtual Format

December 16, 2023

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

**Absent:** Collin Barnes, Gabor Biro, Martin Turkis (ex officio)

### **1. Welcome**

Andrew noted the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm central time.

### **2. Approval of Polanyi Society (PS) Board Meeting minutes from October 28, 2023**

Charlie moved to approve the minutes with no changes; an unidentified other person seconded. Motion carried.

### **3. Treasurer's report**

Charlie summarized the Treasurer's narrative report for the group.

Charlie submitted two proposals:

- "Should we transfer ~\$5,000 to the Vanguard (long-term) account?"  
Paul moved; Craig seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.
- "Charlie given authority to move the remainder of the money in the Capital 360 account to a higher-interest, short-term savings account and/or investments?"  
Craig moved to give Charlie authority to make specific decisions and pursue; Ellen seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

### **4. PS website update**

Andrew summarized the website update project for the group.

The website renewal project is not yet complete. Faithlab has what they need and have had it for a few weeks. They now are apparently dealing with the migration of content from the existing web site and archive. They had hoped to complete the project by the end of the year.

### **5. Tradition and Discovery (TAD) update**

Paul summarized the TAD report for the group. Discussion ensued.

The TAD board submitted a proposal/recommendation within its report regarding the selection of a book review editor; Ellen seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

## **6. Conference update**

Andrew discussed the prospectus that he shared with the board. Discussion ensued.

As a follow-up to this discussion, Andrew will return to the people at Nashotah to explore what it would cost if attendance is lower (perhaps ~20 rather than the ~30 hoped for), requiring backstopping registration fees.

Craig proposed that we proceed with the Nashotah Conference on June 4-7; Charlie seconded. Further discussion ensued. Motion carried.

## **7. Zoom sessions**

Brief discussion occurred.

## **8. 2024 meeting schedule**

Brief discussion occurred regarding continuing with bi-monthly meetings vs, for example, quarterly meetings. Informal consensus is that we would continue to meet bi-monthly until the annual budgeting/planning process becomes more coherent/strategic vs ad hoc, as needs arise.

Anticipated schedule for next few meetings: February, April, June (in person, at Nashotah)

## **9. Board composition**

Jon transitions off the board at the end of the present meeting for next two years; Andrew thanked him. This puts us down a member. Ultimately, we may be down two members going into next year. The Bylaws allow us to go down to 5; we would be down to 9 as it stands. As such, we can pursue adding others, if we'd like. Discussion led to consensus to consider this further during 2024.

## **10. Dues notification**

Discussion occurred on the topic "How do we want to solicit payment of dues?" Jon plans to use the PS mailing list to broadcast a call for dues.

Andrew called the meeting to a close at 1:42 pm central time.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce A. Vojak  
January 29, 2024