



Evangelical Theological Society, Eastern Region Minutes Saturday, April 1, 2017

President Eric Silverman called the meeting to order and noted that the annual meeting of the Eastern Region (3/31-4/1/2017) at Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster, PA, has the theme: "Apologetics in a Pluralistic Culture." Our keynote speakers are Dr. K. Scott Oliphin, Professor of apologetics and systematic theology at Westminster Theological Seminary and respondent Dr. Joshua D. Chatraw, Associate Professor of Theology and Apologetics and Executive Director of The Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement at Liberty University.

President Silverman called for the approval of the 2016 Region minutes and waved reading the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Reports Followed

President Silverman reported that at the 2017 meeting we have over 86 registrants and a total of 37 papers presented.

Secretary-Treasurer Gregg Strawbridge, presented the Treasurer's Report. The Region account had an opening balance of \$3383.27 (3/10/2017) as compared with \$1381.75 (3/4/2016). Our expenses for this conference will be approximately \$2050. After income/expenses settle for the 2017 Conference, the account should settle at well over \$2500.

It was reported that Vice President Rusty Small organized the book displays which were provided by Weaver, InterVarsity, Baker, Crossway, Kregel, Zondervan, and Presbyterian & Reformed.

President Silverman presented the 2017-2018 officer nominees and candidates:

President: Mark Farnham of Lancaster Bible College

1st Vice President: Rusty Small of Liberty University

2nd Vice President: Mark Draper of Evangelical Seminary of Myerstown, PA, (was nominated)

Pro forma officers: Past President: Eric Silverman; Permanent Secretary-Treasurer: Gregg Strawbridge

The nominees and officer slate were approved without objection.

2017-2018 President Mark Farnham shared that he is still in the planning stages of the 2018 Eastern Regional meeting. Addendum (as of 4/12/2017): President Farnham has announced our 2018 Conference, with the theme, "The Attributes of God," will be held at Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster PA, on Friday-Saturday, April 6-7, 2018

Addendum: President Silverman awarded the following student paper prizes:

1st place - Greg Parker: Reformation or Revolution

2nd place - Doug Taylor: A Twentieth Century Dying and Rising God

3rd place - (student wishes to remain anonymous) Is Islam a Religion of Peace?

Resolutions were proposed by President Silverman and passed without objection:

WHEREAS our keynote speakers, Dr. K. Scott Oliphint and Dr. Joshua Chatraw have distinguished themselves as scholars of Apologetics, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Region of the Evangelical Theological Society offers Dr. Oliphint and Dr. Chatraw our heartfelt thanks for joining us at our regional meeting as our plenary speakers, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we offer them our congratulations on the many successes of their ministries to date, and our sincere hopes for continued fruitfulness.

WHEREAS publishers, Weaver, InterVarsity, Baker, Crossway, Kregel, Zondervan, and Presbyterian & Reformed have supported the Region by sending excellent resources to our meeting, and WHEREAS these major evangelical publishers have graciously donated books to our Region, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Region of the Evangelical Theological Society extends its thanks to these publishers for their generous support of our meeting, and for their important work of promoting evangelical scholarship through their publishing ministry.

Secretary Strawbridge moved the Eastern Region commend President Eric Silverman for his excellent planning and execution of our 2017 meeting; and further, the Eastern Region heartily thanks Lancaster Bible College for the generous use of their facilities and the excellent service of their personnel and assistants. The resolution was approved without objection.

The meeting was adjourned.