

## MSSA Meeting Minutes – 10/29/2016

### Present:

Gordon Shepherd, Carrie Miles, Gary Shepherd, Rob Lively, Ram Cnaan, Lotte Plummerer, Ryan Cragun, Rick Phillips, Henri Gooren, Michael Nielsen, Benjamin Knoll, Mary Lou McNamara, Jason Singh

### Presiding: President-elect – Gordon Shepherd

- Began with introductions
- Raised the issue of a session at SSSR next year
  - Gordon Shepherd indicated he would organize at least one MSSA sponsored session
- Glenn Vernon Lecture
  - Discussed possible speakers (see list); preferred choice was Greg Prince, whom Rick Phillips will contact
    - Greg Prince
    - Kathleen Flake
    - Jana Riess
    - Orrin Hatch
    - Harry Reid
- UVU MSSA conference
  - concerns about taking papers away from SSSR sessions were raised
  - doesn't seem to be a problem, necessarily
  - seems like there is support for the UVU MSSA conference again
  - MSSA leadership will propose another MSSA mini-conference at UVU again
- Discussed revising the By Laws of the MSSA
  - Consider revising the By Laws to incorporate an Editorial Board
  - Motion proposed by Ryan Cragun and amended by Gary Shepherd
  - Motion for the current active members of the board to revise the By Laws
  - Seconded by Michael Nielsen
  - Motion passed unanimously
- Dinner tonight
  - Rick Phillips (informal MSSA foodie will make arrangements)
  - meet at 7:00 pm in lobby
- Meeting adjourned
- Meeting addendum:
  - At the MSSA dinner, Christine Cusack bet Ryan Cragun \$100 that the LDS Church will allow women to be ordained within the next 10 years (which would be October 2026); Ryan Cragun bet against her, saying that it would take longer than that