

10/27/2018 – 12:45

Present: David Knowlton, Matt Martinich, Amy Hoyt, Caroline Kline, John Bartkowski, David Heap, Kris Black, Alison Halford, Benjamin Knoll, Christine Cusack, Armand Mauss, Michael Nielsen, Henri Gooren, Rick Phillips, Ryan Cragun, Gordon Shepherd, Gary Shepherd, Carrie Miles, Jana Riess

#### Meeting Minutes:

- 12:48 – Introductions
- 12:52 – Welcome and Overview by Gordon Shepherd
- 12:54 – Acknowledgment of Christine Cusack’s role on the board
- 12:56 – Discussed ByLaws and 501c3 status
- 12:59 – Recognized Armand’s presence and contributions – Gary Shepherd
- 1:06 – Ryan Cragun – Treasurer’s Report - \$3,400 in our accounts, 44 dues-paying members
- 1:07 – Armand Mauss suggested changing “dues” to “contributions” so they can be tax-exempt
  - some discussion about changing the organization from a membership organization to an affinity organization
  - create a popup on the MSSA website inviting people to join the mailing list
- 1:11 – Rick Phillips made a motion (see agenda) on the graduate student paper award
  - unanimous support
  - David Knowlton suggested a revision to the motion detailing where the award would be given and when students could present; agreed to revise the language
- 1:13 – Rick Phillips made a motion (see agenda) on adopting a conflict of interest policy
  - unanimous support
- 1:14 – Carrie Miles asked about a dissolution clause
  - Ryan Cragun noted that it is included in the new bylaws
- 1:14 – Gordon Shepherd discussed the MSSA one-day conference in the spring
  - David Knowlton noted that the one-day conference needs to include scholars with terminal degrees
  - Jana Riess suggested that the MSSA one-day conference follow on with their theme (7-8 of March) of Gender Studies
  - Jana Riess agreed to organize a panel on gender for the one-day conference
- 1:21 – Gordon noted the date for the next SSSR conference in St. Louis
- 1:21 – Vernon Lecture – nomination - Jana Riess and Ben Knoll (author of the Next Mormons), Laurie Mafly Kipp, Community of Christ scholars, Melissa Inouye,
  - Reach out to Dialogue to see if they would publish the Vernon Lecture
- 1:26 – elections for new officers, invited nominations – Ryan Cragun and Christine Cusack were nominated for their current positions
- 1:31 – mentioned MSSA dinner at Hard Rock Cafe organized by Carrie Miles
  - 18-25 said they were in; meet by registration at 6:30; reservation is at 6:45
- 1:35 – New Business for the Good of the Order
  - Palgrave MacMillan editor expressed interest an edited volume on international Mormonism
- 1:39 – David Knowlton noted that the summary of MSSA stuff produced by Christine Cusack was very nice and Gary and Gordon Shepherd were recognized very all their hard work
- 1:40 – issue was raised about Roman Williams’s concerns about MSSA involvement
- 1:43 - adjourned