

10-24-2020 – Business Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Jana Riess, Ryan Cragun, Benjamin Knoll, Rick Phillips, Henri Gooren, Christine Cusack, Scott Vance, Levi Sands, Thomas Murphy, Michael Nielsen, Gordon Shepherd, Nancy Ross, Gary Shepherd, David Knowlton, Erin Stiles, Daryl White, David Stewart

- Began at 1:02
- Introductions of officers
- 1:05 – Treasurer’s Report
 - Checking: \$510.66
 - MSSA Savings: \$7,481.49
 - MSSA Journal Savings: \$9,441.33
 - MSSA CD: \$7,500.00 (+\$100.16 in interest)
 - MSSA Journal CD: \$40,000.00 (+\$534.20 in interest)
- 1:07 – Discussion of MSSA Journal
 - Rick noted that we have received some submissions
 - Ben Knoll summarized the submissions
 - 6 original research articles received; 3 outside the scope of the journal
 - 3 are moving along the review process
 - 2 review articles
 - planning on requesting book reviews, Glenn Vernon Lectures, tributes published
 - tentative deadline for first issue is January
 - Editorial Board has been assembled
 - Rick noted that we may need to hire a web designer to make the journal’s webpage look nice.
 - Rick also described the current state of the typesetting and proofreading processes for the journal.
 - DOI expense of \$275 per year; recurring expense.
 - Rick noted that there are some formatting concerns – particularly tied to footnotes.
 - David Knowlton suggested that footnotes can be discipline-specific.
 - Rick raised the issue about a handbook or manual for the editor of the journal.
- 1:38 – Gary and Gordon Shepherd Student Paper Award
 - Gordon gave an update on the award.
 - We would have had 4 graduate student papers that were submitted to SSSR but the conference was canceled.
 - There will be no award this year.
- 1:39 – Gary gave an update on the Palgrave MacMillan Handbook on Global Mormonism
 - Many of the contributors to the volume are members of the MSSA
 - Precise date for publication is unknown but should be in the next month or two.
- 1:44 – Changed order of the agenda to motions for leadership change
 - specific language for new bylaws is in the agenda
 - Benjamin Knoll recommended some clarification on the leadership of the MSSA, the journal, and the Editorial Board of the journal
 - David Stewart requested some language about investing the funds for the journal
- 1:56 – Quick mention of the UVU conference and the SSSR meeting that was canceled
 - Quick discussion of availability of travel funds. Some universities have done away with travel funds.
 - David Stewart suggested some ways to invest the MSSA funds. Guggenheim funds.

- Jana suggested we work together – Treasurer and David Stewart can talk about how to invest the funds.
- 2:03 – Rick moved to adjourn; seconded by Nancy Ross
 - Business meeting adjourned.