

Minutes of the Business Meeting
American Academy of Religion, Western Region
March 25, 2018 1:00–2:00 p.m.
Institute for Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, CA.

PRESENT: In total, 44 members of AARWR were present.

PRESIDING: Jonathan Lee, President

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- a. Dr. Lee called the meeting to order, providing the agenda of the meeting: thanking our host and outgoing members of the board, announcements regarding new business, and elections for open board positions.
- b. Remarks: Dr. Katherine Downey, AAR Regions Director, greeted the members as a guest from the AAR Board of Directors.
- c. Dr. Lee thanked Dr. Kahena Viale for her distinguished service to the region as Past President. Also recognized was Dr. Sarah Robinson-Bertoni, outgoing Women's Caucus Liaison, for her many years of service to the region.

2. Announcements and New Business

- a. The Board voted to increase travel funding for the Regional Coordinator and Conference Manager to \$1,000 per year to cover travel to both the Regional and National Conferences in order to attend Board Meetings.
- b. The Board voted to increase caucus funding to \$250/year.
- c. Our next conference will be held at Arizona State University March 1-3, 2019.

Election Results:

The following positions were voted on by the general membership:

- Presidential Line
- Women's Caucus Liaison
- Student Representative - Northern California
- Student Director

- i. For the Presidential Line, the membership voted:
 1. Anna Hennessey: 42 (winner)
 2. Enrico Beltrami: 0 (absent)
 3. Abstain: 2
- ii. The membership voted unanimously by acclamation and elected Yuria Celidwen as Women's Caucus Liaison.
- iii. For the Student Representative - Northern California position, the membership voted:
 1. Andrew Lee: 20 votes (winner)
 2. Matt Hartman: 14 votes
 3. Abstain: 2

- iv. The membership voted unanimously by acclamation and elected Joseph Kim Paxton as Student Director.

3. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

4. NEXT MEETING

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2019 in Tempe, AZ.

Minutes completed by Brian Clearwater, Regional Coordinator