

American Academy of Religion, Western Region
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Sunday, March 3, 2019, 1:00 pm
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

PRESENT: In total, approximately 40 members of AARWR were present.

PRESIDING: Brian Clearwater, Regional Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- a. Dr. Clearwater called the meeting to order, providing the agenda of the meeting: thanking outgoing members of the board, announcements regarding new business, and elections for open board positions.
- b. Remarks: Dr. Abdullahi Gallab, Past President and Dr. Anna Hennessey, Vice President-Elect
- c. President Jason Sexton welcomed all members to the business meeting and thanked outgoing Regional Representative – Northern California, Zayin Cabot, for his service on the Board of Directors; other remarks.
- d. Dr. Clearwater thanked Dr. Jonathan Lee for his distinguished service to the region as Past President.

2. Announcements and New Business

- a. The Region was delighted to welcome the new Black Caucus to this conference, which featured an inaugural event.
- b. The Board voted to increase funding for Travel Awards and Paper Awards to \$500/year.
- c. The Board approved a motion to grant \$500 travel reimbursement to any scholar traveling from Hawaii/Pacific Islands to present at our annual conference. This policy was enacted with the intention to make participation more accessible to scholars from this part of our region.
- d. Our next conference will be held at Claremont Graduate University March 13-15, 2020.

Election Results:

The following positions were voted on by the general membership:

- Presidential Line
 - Regional Representative - Southern California
 - Regional Representative - Arizona/ Nevada
 - Regional Representative - Northern California
 - Student Representative - Arizona/ Nevada
 - Student Representative - Southern California
- i. The membership voted unanimously by acclamation and elected Dr. Roy Whitaker for the Presidential Line.

- ii. The membership voted unanimously by acclamation and elected Dr. Marie Cartier for the Regional Representative - Southern California position.
- iii. The membership voted unanimously by acclamation and elected Dr. Souad Ali for the Regional Representative - Arizona/ Nevada position.
- iv. The membership voted unanimously by acclamation and elected Thien-Huong Ninh for the Regional Representative - Northern California position.
- v. For the Student Representative - Arizona/ Nevada, the membership voted:
 - 1. Tyler Feezell: 21 votes (winner)
 - 2. Amelia Adueno: 15 votes
- vi. For the Student Representative - Southern California position, the membership voted:
 - 1. James Berry: 30 votes (winner)
 - 2. Stephanie Griswold: 7 votes

3. ADJOURNMENT

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

4. NEXT MEETING

- a. The date for the next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2020.

Minutes completed by: Brian Clearwater, Regional Coordinator