

The Business Meeting was called to order by the Executive Secretary, Robert Yelle. Yelle delivered a summary of the Executive Secretary's Annual Report presented to the Executive Council the preceding day. Membership remains steady, at around 120 members, and finances are strong.

There was a general discussion of the determination of the Executive Council, at its meeting the preceding day, to move toward a different format for the programming at the next Annual Meeting. In the interest of encouraging participation in a more collaborative, cohesive discussion, and with the objective of further defining the intellectual mission of the Association, the Council has tentatively endorsed the idea of holding a symposium on the Friday of the Annual Meeting. The theme of next year's symposium is still being worked out, and will be announced in the Call for Papers circulated in early 2011. Members are directed to contact Winnifred Sullivan, the Vice-President and program chair, with any questions regarding the program.

An election was held to replace outgoing Executive Council members Randall Styers and Nancy Levene. The Executive Council's nominees for the two vacant positions, Christopher Lehrich of Boston University and Ruth Mas of the University of Colorado at Boulder, ran unopposed and were elected by acclaim. The outgoing officers were thanked for their service, and the new officers were recognized.

Russell McCutcheon suggested that we explore the prospect of offering the *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, which was formerly the *Bulletin of the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion*, as part of membership. This had been done with the *CSSR Bulletin* and the *Religious Studies Review* at one time. Currently, NAASR membership does not include any journal subscription, although it does include a discount to an individual subscription on both *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*, which is sponsored by NAASR, and *Numen*, which is sponsored by the International Association for the History of Religions. Offering a journal as part of NAASR membership might represent a significant benefit to the membership. James Overbeck inquired after the reasons why we had discontinued bundling subscriptions to the *Bulletin* and *Review* with NAASR membership. The Executive Secretary explained that the decision had been taken for several reasons. The first was that CSSR had proposed to raise the rates of these subscriptions, which, at the time, already cost as much together as a graduate student membership, i.e. \$15.<sup>1</sup> This had created a situation in which it was foreseeable that NAASR's finances might be in some difficulty. Secondly, the Executive Council had decided to pursue the possibility of bundling NAASR membership with subscription to *MTSR*, the journal sponsored by the Association; the Executive Council had decided the preceding day to renew its pursuit of this possibility. There being no objections,

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<sup>1</sup> This is still the amount for a graduate student membership.

we agreed to investigate the possibility of bundling NAASR membership with subscription to the Bulletin through discussions with Equinox, the Bulletin's current publisher.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted to the NAASR membership,

Robert A. Yelle  
NAASR Executive Secretary/Treasurer