**ARL Business Meeting**

**Chicago, IL**

April 16, 2016

President Kyle Small called the meeting to order, 9:05 am.

1. Approval of 2015 Business Meeting minutes - **MSP**
2. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Terri Elton
	1. Finances –
		1. Membership is up, so even though our attendance is down at the meeting, our discussion is growing.
			1. What kind of “guild” do we want to be? The membership is loosely connected. Do we stay connected even if we can’t be in attendance at the Annual Meeting? And if so, how?
			2. Financially, when conference numbers are down, the annual meeting can become quite expensive. This is something we need to take into account moving forward.
		2. The Annual Meeting is an expensive endeavor compared to our revenue sources. The Steering Team will enter a conversation for meetings beyond 2017 and whether or not Chicago is the most reasonable location, considering expense. If the membership has any ideas or suggestions, please let someone on the steering team know.
		3. Stipend positions – the communication position will be discontinued and a proposal is offered in New Business to use that money for technical support for the website.
		4. Membership History – (see attached). Last year a request was made for changing the fiscal year. The steering team did not make any moves on that, but did do a financial history of the past conferences, with conference attendance.
	2. Website –
		1. The website crashed this year. We spent roughly $1500 to fix the problem and are proposing for a tech support contract to attend to the website on a monthly/regular basis. While a vote was not taken, the group supported this effort moving forward.
3. Elections – Karen Dalton
	1. Nominating team included: Steve Sprinkle, Scott Cormode,
	2. ARL steering team and officers put forth a slate of three people:
		1. President-Elect: Terri Elton (2016-2019)
		2. Members-at-Large (2 positions): (2016-2019)
			1. Carson Reed
			2. Susan Maros
		3. Continuing members of the steering team:
			1. President: Scott Cormode
			2. Past president – Kyle Small
			3. Secretary/treasurer – open
			4. Members at-large – Michaela ODonnell-Long

Given that Terri Elton held the Secretary/Treasurer position, Scott Cormode and Terri will use this year to transition that work to other ARL members. The body voted to have Steering Committee make the decision on behalf of the group. **MSP**

Any nominations from the floor? None received. Voted on the slate – **MSP**

1. Journal Update: Bill Kondrath (in collaboration with Sharon Callahan, absent)
	1. JRL Board Member Elections – new members - Carson Reed and Stephen Sprinkle to join Sharon Callahan (co-editor), Isabel Docampo, David Forney, Leanna Fuller (production editor), Lisa Hess, Deborah Kapp (book review editor), Bill Kondrath (co-editor), Robert Martin, Lisa Withrow, and Dwight Zscheile. (Voted for one year term each year.) **MSP**
	2. *Report* – Reminder that the Spring issue is open for submission of articles (deadline is October). Send them to the editor@arl-jrl.org. Fall issue will be on this theme and the papers presented at this meeting. Deborah Kapp, book review editor, would like to hand that off next year.
2. Old Business: Nothing
3. New Business:
	1. Growth – We grow this membership by personal invitation. Please invite people to submit a proposal on the topic and to attend the annual meeting.
	2. Website contract proposal – Terri Elton met with Eric and Alex Cleste (company name: Tenseg LLC) to investigate technical support for the arl-jrl.org website. They discovered the site was hacked and offered a twofold proposal for “fixing” the site ($300 at a 75% discounted rate) and then a $100 a month contract for technical support. The proposal was presented to the group for a vote. **MSP**
	3. Member Announcements: Publications, Position Openings, Promotions and Job Changes. New positions within institutions were announced to the group.
4. Upcoming ARL meetings: Scott Cormode
	1. 2017 Dates: April 20-22, 2017 (with a Thursday evening reception).
	2. 2017 meeting location: Chicago, Hyatt Magnificent Mile ($189/night)
	3. Theme for 2017: Scott Cormode proposed a different approach to our meeting for next year working with students or people to develop ideas into a presentation, and then offer groupings within the meeting, allowing some specificity. Straw poll on three ideas: leadership development, congregational leadership, and leading change. Scott will take it from here.
	4. Growing membership of students from online PhD program by contacting leaders in these programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am. **MSP**

Minutes prepared by Terri Elton

**ARL Conference History**

Membership 2016 2015 2014 2013

Total Membership 64 66 50 39

Conference Attendees 34 38 26 47

 (2 students) (4 students) (10 students) (5 students)

Expense $11,938 $8,047 $11,071

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Past meeting themes

* April 14-16, 2016: Engaging Sacred Texts for Teaching Religious Leadership (Chicago)
* April 16-18, 2015: Educating for Agility (Chicago)
* April 16-18, 2014 – The Role of Emotions in Religious Leaders and Communities (Decatur, GA)
* April 18-20, 2013 *Spirit, Spirituality, and Leadership: Discernment and Engagement* (Chicago)
* April 19-21, 2012 *The Teaching of Leadership: Equipping, Training, & Forming* (Seattle)
* April 29 – May 1, 2011 *Religious Leadership in Global Perspective* (Chicago)
* April 23-25, 2010 *Charisma and Leadership* (Chicago)
* April 16-18, 2009 *Leadership and the Margins:  Reframing Center-Edge Dichotomies* (Chicago)