

2024 Academy of Religious Leadership Business Meeting

April 27, 2024 – Luther Seminary and Online

Agenda

Call Meeting to Order – Alicia Granholm called meeting to order.

- Approval of 2023 Business Meeting minutes: Alicia Granholm moved, Terri Elton, seconded. Motion passed.
- ARL Membership Report: Scott Simmons
 - Overall membership is steady, but never steady on the day of the meeting. At the moment we have 86, and 10 (nearly active) - so 90-95 is about our number.
- ARL Treasurer's Report: Alicia Granholm (submitted by Linda Bobbit, Treasurer)
 - Income Statement

Terri Elton: Thank you, Linda Bobbit for the ongoing work and helpful; thank you for the change of venue style for the conference. Jeffrey Tribble echoes the appreciation for the shift.

Andy Rowell has a question about Membership fee vs Conference fee; wonders if they are in the right proportions. Offers Bethel as a potential site. Sandy Selby echoes the move, and thanks Scott Simmons for saving the ARL \$10-15K by producing the online portion himself.

- Nominating Committee Report: Courtney Davis Olds (Courtney, Davis Olds. Robert Martin, Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi)
 - Continuing members of the Steering Team:
 - President: Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi (2023-2026)
 - Past President: Alicia Granholm (2022-2025)
 - Treasurer: Linda Bobbit (2022-2025)
 - Member At-large: Quentin Kinnison (2022-2025)
 - Member At-large: Jack Barentsen (2023-2026)
 - JRL General Editor: Robert Martin (2022-2025)
 - Nominations (Vote Needed):
 - President-elect: Lisa Hess*
 - Secretary: Will Houts (2024-2027)
 - Member At-large: Leanna Fuller (2024-2027)

Motion to approve nominations: Scott Simmons moved, Dwight Zscheile seconded.

Jeffery Tribble asked a question about Lisa Hess asterisk; Courtney replied that her participation might depend upon the work of the visioning committee in the next year.

JRL Update – Robert Martin

- Explained that Spring Journal is comprised of solicited articles. Fall Journal is comprised of articles from Annual Meeting presenters.
- Pdf version sent to members; print journal version sent to libraries. If you are connected to a library, please request they carry the journal.
- We need you to write for the journal! Considering adding a section on pedagogy, as religious learning is changing.
- Question: How do book reviews operate now? If interested in doing a book review, contact Michael Wilson – information is in the journal.
- JRL Editorial Board (Vote Needed):
 - Robert Martin, Managing Editor
 - Elaine Garrison, Copy Editor
 - Michael Wilson, Book Review Editor
 - Scott Simmons, Production Editor
 - David Forney, Member
 - Lisa M. Hess, Member
 - Scott J. Hagley, Member
 - William M. Kondrath, Member
 - Kristina I. Lizardy-Hajbi, Member
 - Jessica Vaughan Lower, Member
 - Susan Maros, Member
 - Dwight Zscheile, Member

2025 ARL Annual Conference and Future Direction – Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi

- Iliff School of Theology in Denver and online. Fully Hybrid meeting.
- Theme: Leadership as Justice. Proposal deadline October 15; Decisions by Nov. 15
Kristina has copies. April 24-26, 2025.

Member Updates – from the floor

- Jeffery Tribble is transitioning to less administrative faculty and more leadership teaching and has been granted a sabbatical.
- Luther Seminary refreshed certificate programs. Soft launch opens next Fall/hard launch next year. Also non-degree opportunities as well.
- Scott Hagley opening Wabash Grant certificate for folks interested in theological ed.
- No baby update from Martin...continue to pray for him, wife, children and new child.

Adjourn – Alicia Granholm: Quinten Kinnison moves/Kris Stache seconds - Motion passes enthusiastically.