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# Minutes of the Atla Business Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2020

*Christina Torbert, University of Mississippi, Atla Board Secretary*

The annual business meeting of the Association was convened by Board President Stephen Sweeney at 11:45 a.m. US Central time via Zoom.

President Sweeney spoke to the members attending about the Board's adoption of new organizational ends, about the continuity of those ends with the work done by previous boards, and about the resolution against racism and xenophobia. President Sweeney stressed the board's decision to focus during the coming year on the need for racial diversity, equity, and inclusion; challenging racism; promoting antiracism; and dismantling White supremacy in the Association and in theology and religious studies institutions and libraries.

Christina Torbert presented the secretary's report. Members of the 2020 Teller's Committee were Karen Wishart, who served as chair, from Emmanuel College of Victoria University in the University of Toronto; Steve Jung from Azusa Pacific University; and Lisa Grover from Denver Seminary. The Teller's Committee received the election results via email from Survey & Ballot Systems and verified that 261 (or 44.69%) of the 584 eligible members cast valid ballots. The membership elected—as given here in alphabetical order—Kerrie Burn, Leslie A. Engelson, Michelle Spomer, and Karl Stutzman to the board class of 2020–23.

Kathy Harty moved to accept the secretary's report, and Gerrit Van Dyk seconded. The motion was approved.

President Sweeney welcomed the incoming board members and thanked the three outgoing board members: Jennifer Bartholomew, Suzanne Estelle-Holmer, and Matt Ostercamp. President Sweeney announced the 2020–21 officers for the Board of Directors.

President Sweeney called for any new business, and there was none. The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m. US Central time.

President Sweeney and Executive Director Bailey-Hainer answered questions submitted prior to the meeting and through the Q&A function of Zoom.