

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the  
Orthodox Theological Society in America  
Cenacle Retreat Center, Chicago, Illinois  
June 13, 2008

The 2008 business meeting of the Orthodox Theological Society in America was held on Friday, June 13, 2008, during the Society's 2008 annual meeting at the Cenacle Retreat Center in Chicago, Illinois. This year's annual meeting included a consultation entitled "Being Orthodox in the Academy: Does It Matter? Should It Matter?" The consultation was co-sponsored by the Office of Vocation and Ministry at Hellenic College. Because of the additional sessions relative to the consultation, there was no Fr. Georges Florovsky lecture.

The business meeting was called to order by President Anton Vrame at 1:20 pm.

The minutes of the 2007 business meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer, Dr. Demetrios Katos, presented the annual Treasurer's Report which was approved as presented. Dr. Katos recommended and the Society approved using the calendar year as the Society's fiscal year since that will allow the treasurer's report to include fully processed expenses and receipts from the annual meeting.

The society discussed several topics relative to the annual meeting. With respect to locations, interest was expressed in rotating the usual host institutions of St. Vladimir's and Holy Cross with a university. The number of papers to accept and the length of papers was also discussed. The membership expressed interest in additional co-sponsored consultations, and appreciated the focus to this year's meeting, feeling that it provided a good balance between a thematic conference and open sessions. Cross-disciplinary themes were preferred since they would provide broad interest, participation, and flexibility.

The Secretary, Dr. Valerie Karras, presented the names of nine applicants for membership in OTSA, noting that the officers, in their capacity as the Membership Committee, had confirmed that the applications were in order. It was moved, seconded and passed that the roster of applicants be admitted to membership. The new members are:

Fernando (Fred) Arzola  
Brock Bingaman  
Nathaniel Brown  
Bogdan Bucur  
Will Cohen  
Nick Groves  
Fr. Oliver Herbel  
John Jones  
Fr. William Mills

All four officers were re-elected to another term of office:

President: Dr. Anton Vrame

Vice-President: Deacon Gregory Roeber

Secretary: Dr. Valerie Karras

Treasurer: Dr. Demetrios Katos

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Valerie A. Karras". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Valerie A. Karras, Th.D., Ph.D.  
Secretary, OTSA