SECRETARY’S REPORT

THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its fifty-ninth annual convention June 10-13 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Reston, Virginia. The theme of the convention was “Reconciliation: Gift and Challenge.” Registration took place from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 10. The program group, Women’s Seminar in Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:00-5:30 p.m. The 2004 Ann O’Hara Graff Award was presented to Ellen Leonard, C.S.J., University of St. Michael’s College (Toronto).

At the Opening session, President M. Shawn Copeland welcomed the convention participants to Reston and Past President Michael Fahey offered the opening prayer. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. CTSA gratefully acknowledges The Catholic University of America, Georgetown University, and Loyola College of Maryland for subsidizing the event and for their gracious hospitality and generous support throughout the convention.

The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday, June 11. The president’s reception for new and “newer” members followed the business meeting. Receptions were also sponsored by the University of Dayton and Marquette University Press and by the Women’s Seminar in Constructive Theology.

The convention’s liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 12, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Hotel. New CTSA Board member Bryan Massingale presided, and CTSA President M. Shawn Copeland gave the homily. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Hyatt Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, President Copeland read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and medal to Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J. President Copeland then introduced Mark E. Ginter of St. Meinrad School of Theology, who introduced the Centenary Commemoration, “A Time to Reminisce, A Time to Celebrate: Four Theological Giants of the 20th Century.”

Morning prayer, facilitated by Jean-Pierre Ruiz, James Nickeloff, and Teresa Torres, O.S.B., was held from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On various days throughout the convention there were special receptions, breakfasts, or other meetings for such groups as the Karl Rahner Society, The Jesuit School of Theology, Theological Studies Board of Editorial Consultants, and the conveners of program and research groups.
CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday June 10

3:00-5:30 Women’s Seminar in Constructive Theology. Program Group.
   Topic: “Are the CTSA and Feminist Theologies Reconciled?
   Is There a Continuing Role for the Women’s Seminar
   in Constructive Theology in the CTSA?”
   Conveners: Gaile Pohlhaus, Villanova University
   Elaine MacMillan, University of San Diego
   Moderator: Dawn Nothwehr, Catholic Theological Union
   Presenters: Susan Ross, Loyola University, Chicago
   Cynthia Crysdale, Catholic University of America
   Mary Doak, University of Notre Dame
   Meghan Sweeney, Emory University

7:30-9:30 Opening and First Plenary Session
   Presiding: M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College, president, CTSA
   Welcome and Prayer: Michael Fahey
   Address: Miroslav Volf, Yale Divinity School
   “Reconciliation and Memory”
   Response: Michele Saracino, Manhattan College

9:30 Reception. Friday Morning, June 11

9:00-10:30 Group Sessions

   Solidarity with Africa: Theological Perspectives and Challenges
   Convener: Bryan Massingale, St. Francis Seminary
   Moderator: Bradford Hinze, Marquette University
   Presenters: Bishop John Ricard
   Paulinus I. Odozor, University of Notre Dame
   Margaret Pfeil, University of Notre Dame
   Response: Jamie T. Phelps, Xavier University of Louisiana

   Reading Reconciliation
   Convener and Moderator: David M. Williams, Belmont Abbey College
   Presenters: Dale Coulter, Lee University
   Thomas Ryan, St. Thomas University

3. Trinitarian Theology. Program Group.
   Convener: Anthony Keaty, St. John’s Seminary, Boston MA
   Moderator: Cara Anthony, University of St. Thomas
   Presenters: Elizabeth Groppe, Xavier University
   Earl Muller, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit
   Multiple Religious Belonging and Contextual Theology
   Convener and Moderator: Catherine Cornille, Boston College
   Presenters: Maria Clara Bingemer, Pontifical Catholic University of Brazil in Rio
              John Borelli, Georgetown University

   Theological Language: Constructive Proposals
   Conveners: Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University
              Michele Saracino, Manhattan College
   Moderator: Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University
   Presenters: Robert Masson, Marquette University
              Terrance W. Klein, St. John’s University
   Response: Gerard Jacobitz, Colorado Springs CO

   Theology and the Missiological Imagination
   Convener: Stephen Bevans, Catholic Theological Union
   Moderator: Colleen Mallon, St. John’s University, Jamaica NY
   Presenters: Timothy Muldoon, Mt. Aloysius College
              David B. Burrell, University of Notre Dame
              Jeanne Evans, Marymount Manhattan College

   The Disabled: Reconcilers for Our Humanity
   Convener and Moderator: David Kelly, Duquesne University
   Presenters: Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University
              Mark Miller, St. Paul’s Hospital
              and St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon

   The History of the Symbolism of the Sacred Feminine
   Convener and Moderator: Nancy Pineda-Madrid,
                           St. Mary’s College of California
   Presenter: Rosemary Radford Ruether, Graduate Theological Union

   Beauty and the Spirit of Reconciliation
   Conveners: Peter Casarella, Catholic University of America
              David Schindler, John Paul II Institute
              for Studies of Marriage and the Family
   Moderator: Peter Casarella, Catholic University of America
   Presenters: Stephen Fields, Georgetown University
              Christopher Steck, Georgetown University

    Convener and Moderator: William McConville, Raleigh NC
    Presenter: Thomas O’Meara, University of Notre Dame
11:00-12:00 Second Plenary Session
   Presiding: Jon Nilson, past president, CTSA
   Address: Michael Baxter, University of Notre Dame
   "A Sign of Peace: The Mission of the Church to the Nations"
   Response: Christine Firer Hinze, Marquette University

Friday Afternoon, June 11

1:15-2:15 Hearing of the Resolutions Committee
   Presiding: M. Catherine Hilkert,
   University of Notre Dame, vice-president, CTSA

2:30-4:15 Group Sessions

   Paths toward Reconciliation
   Convener: Margaret R. Pfeil, University of Notre Dame
   Moderator: Brian D. Berry, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
   Presenters:
      Rosemarie E. Gorman, Fairfield University
      Raymond J. Webb, University of Saint Mary of the Lake

   Salvation as Reconciliation
   Convener and Moderator: Alexis Doval, Saint Mary's College of California
   Presenters:
      Agnes Cunningham, Mercy Community, Champaign IL
      Alexis Doval, Saint Mary's College of California

   Reconciliation: A Liberationist Perspective
   Convener and Moderator: Gary Riebe-Estrella, Catholic Theological Union
   Presenters:
      Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego
      Michael Lee, University of Notre Dame

   Reconciliation as External Mission and Internal Requirement for the U.S. Church
   Convener: William Clark, College of the Holy Cross
   Moderator: Eileen Burke-Sullivan, Creighton University
   Presenters:
      J. Michael Byron, St. Thomas University
      Joseph Hartzler, Franciscan School of Theology / Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
      William Clark, College of the Holy Cross

5. Theological Reconciliation between Reformed and Catholic Understandings of the Eucharist. Selected Session
   A Reformed Appraisal of Catholic Eucharistic Faith
   Convener: Jeffrey Gros, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
   Moderator: Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College
   Presenter: George Vandervelde, Institute for Christian Studies
Response: John Strynkowski, Diocese of Brooklyn

   Engendering World Church Theology
   Convener and Moderator: Gerald M. Boodoo, Xavier University of Louisiana
   Presenters: Jane Carol Redmont, Graduate Theological Union
              Anna Kasafi Perkins, Boston College

7. Theology and Philosophy. Developing Group.
   Hermeneutics, History, and Doctrine
   Convener: James Le Grys, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
   Moderator: James Buckley, Loyola College in Maryland
   Presenter: Thomas Guarino, Seton Hall University
   Response: Anthony Godzieba, Villanova University

   True and False Reform in the Church:
   The Translation of Vraie et fausse reform dans l'Eglise
   Convener: Mark E. Ginter, St. Meinrad School of Theology
   Moderator: Michael Attridge, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
   Panelists: Susan Brown, King's College
              Catherine Clifford, University of St. Paul's
              Joseph G. Mueller, Marquette University

   Spirituality of the Body and Reconciliation
   Convener and Moderator: Diana L. Villegas, Acton MA
   Presenters: Colleen Griffith, Boston College
              James A. Wiseman, Catholic University of America
              Jennifer L. S. Bader, Boston College

10. The Catholic Laity and the Challenge of Reconciliation. Selected Session.
    Discussion of Paul Lakeland's The Liberation of the Laity:
    In Search of an Accountable Church (Continuum, 2003)
    Convener and Moderator: John Thiel, Fairfield University
    Presenters: Roger Haight, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
               Richard Gaillardetz, University of Toledo, Ohio
               Elaine MacMillan, University of San Diego
               Ralph DelColle, Marquette University
    Response: Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University

11. Bernard Cooke's Contribution to Theology. Selected Session
    Convener: William P. Roberts, University of Dayton
    Moderator: Michael H. Barnes, University of Dayton
    Presenters: William P. Loewe, The Catholic University of America
               Barbara J. Fleischer, Loyola University New Orleans
               William P. Roberts, University of Dayton
    Response: Bernard J. Cooke, Loyola University New Orleans

4:30-6:00 CTSA Business Meeting
6:15 President’s Reception for New and “Newer” Member

Saturday Morning, June 12

9:00-10:30 Third Plenary Session
Presiding: Roberto S. Goizueta, president-elect, CTSA
Address: Denise Ackermann, University of the West Cape, South Africa
"Reconciliation as Embodied Change: A South African Perspective"
Response: David Hollenbach, Boston College

11:00-12:30 Group Sessions
Reconciliation and the Restoration of Creation
Convener: Tatha Wiley, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
Moderator: Colleen Griffith, Boston College
Presenters: Elena Procario-Foley, Iona College
Lou McNeil, Georgian Court College

2. Practical Theology. Program Group.
The Role of the Parish Council
Conveners: Kathleen A. Cahalan, St. John’s University
Raymond J. Webb, University of St. Mary of the Lake
Moderator: Elizabeth Willems, Notre Dame Seminary
Presenters: Mark F. Fischer, St. John’s Seminary
Gaile Pohlhaus, Villanova University
Bradford E. Hinze, Marquette University
Response: William Clark, College of the Holy Cross

3. Theology and the Natural Sciences. Program Group
The Neurosciences and Theology: Matter and Spirit
Convener: William R. Stoeger, University of Arizona
Moderator: M. Theresa Moser, University of San Francisco
Presenters: William R. Stoeger, University of Arizona
James R. Pambrun, St. Paul University

International Theological Commission:
“Memory and Reconciliation: The Church and the Faults of the Past”
Convener: Susan K. Wood, Saint John’s University, Collegeville MN
Moderator: Edward Hahnenberg, Xavier University
Presenter: Bernard P. Prusak, Villanova University
Christopher M. Bellitto, Paulist Press

5. Women’s Experience as Source of Reconciliation. Selected Session.
Witness to Integrity: Theological Implications of the Crisis of the Immaculate Heart Community of California
Convener: Susan M. Maloney, University of Redlands
Moderator: Jean Molesky-Poz, University of San Francisco
Panelists: Anne Patrick, Carleton College
Susan M. Maloney, University of Redlands
Mary Ann Hinsdale, Boston College

6. Theology of Religions. Selected Session.
The Theology of Religions Discipline in Light of the Latino/a Experience
Convener: Francis X. Clooney, Boston College
Moderator: James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University
Presenter: Orlando O. Espin, University of San Diego
Responses: Francis X. Clooney, Boston College
Nancy Pineda-Madrid, St. Mary’s College of California

Virtuous Sex
Convener and Moderator: Thomas B. Leininger, Regis University
Presenters: James F. Keenan, Boston College
Edward Vacek, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

Convener: Laurie Cassidy, Loyola University, Chicago
Alex Mikulich, St. Joseph’s College, Connecticut
Moderator: Dawn Nothwehr, Catholic Theological Union
Presenter: Alex Mikulich, St. Joseph’s College, Connecticut
Response: Barbara Andolsen, Monmouth University

Faith in Context: Rahner on the Possibility of Belief
Convener and Moderator: Howard Ebert, St. Norbert College
Presenter: Richard Lennan, Catholic Institute of Sydney
Responses: Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University
Terrence Tilley, University of Dayton

10. Theological Anthropology. Developing Group
Critical Questions in Theological Anthropology
Convener and Moderator: Anne Clifford, Duquesne University
Presenter: Erin Lothes Biviano, Fordham University
Response: Robert Daly, Boston College
Presenters: Jean Donovan, Duquesne University
Donald Cozzens, John Carroll University

The Challenge of Reconciliation:
Analyses of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative
Convener: Angela Senander, Boston College
Moderator: Juliann Heller, St. John’s University
Presenters: Catherine Patten, National Pastoral Life Center
Robert Imbelli, Boston College
Katarina Schuth, St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity,
University of St. Thomas
Saturday Afternoon, June 12

2:30-4:15 Group Sessions

   Catholic Responses to the Faith and Order Document
   Convener: Michael A. Fahey, Marquette University
   Moderator: Ann K. Riggs, National Council of Churches
   Presenter: Jaroslav Skira, Regis College, Toronto School of Theology
   Bishop Richard Sklba, Milwaukee WI
   Response: Rev. Dr. William Rusch, Faith and Order in North America, New York

2. Theological Implications of the Church’s Teaching on Homosexuality. Research Group.
   The Church’s Theology of Homosexuality
   Convener and Moderator: James B. Nickoloff, College of the Holy Cross
   Presenters: Bernard J. Cooke, Loyola University New Orleans
             Gary Macy, University of San Diego
             Jamie T. Phelps, Xavier University of Louisiana

   The Gift and Challenge of Reconciliation Between Christians and Jews
   Convener: Elizabeth Groppe, Xavier University
   Moderator: Elena Procario-Foley, Iona College
   Presenters: John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union
             Mary C. Boys, Union Theological Seminary

   Convener and Moderator: Leo Lefebure, Fordham University
   Presenter: Leo Lefebure, Fordham University
   Response: Scott Alexander, Catholic Theological Union

5. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology—Program Group
   Convener: Bruce Morrill, Boston College
   Moderator: Judith Kubicki, Fordham University
   Presenters: Craig Baron, St. John’s University, New York
             Eileen Burke-Sullivan, Creighton University
   Response: Timothy Muldoon, Mt. Aloysius College

   Hindu God, Christian God: Questions on a New Methodology
   Convener: Michael T. McLaughlin, St. Leo University
   Presenters: Michael McLaughlin, St. Leo University
             Jim Keating, Providence College
   Response: Francis X. Clooney, Boston College

   Reconciliation in the Life and Work of John Henry Newman
Convener: Kevin Godfrey, Alvernia College
Moderator: Edward Jeremy Miller, Gwynedd Mercy College
Presenters: John Connelly, Loyola Marymount University
          Edward Enright, Villanova University
          Kevin Godfrey, Alvernia College

   Eucharist and Social Reconciliation
Convener and Moderator: Joyce K. McClure, Oberlin College
Presenters: William Cavanaugh, University of St. Thomas
           John Berkman, The Catholic University of America
Response: David Fagerberg, University of Notre Dame

   The Legacy of Rahner and Lonergan
Conveners: Richard M. Liddy, Seton Hall University
           J. Michael Stebbins, Gonzaga University
Moderator: Catherine T. Nerney, Chestnut Hill College
Presenter: Michael Vertin, St. Michael’s College

    Reconciliation: The Challenge of Environmental Racism to Catholic Theology
Convener: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
Moderator: Peter Ellard, Siena College
Presenter: Sylvia Washington, Northwestern University
Responses: Alex Mikulichj, Saint Joseph College
           Bryan Massingale, St. Francis Seminary

5: 00 Eucharist: Hyatt Hotel

6:15 Reception

7:00 John Courtney Award Banquet
   Memories of Four Theological Pioneers,
   on the 100th Anniversary of Their Births.
On Yves M.-J. Congar, O.P.: Joseph A. Komonchak
On John Courtney Murray, S.J.: Leon Hooper, S.J.

Sunday Morning, June 13

7:15-8:45 Conveners’ Breakfast Meeting

9:00-10:30 Follow-Up Seminars
1. Discussion of Miroslav Volf’s Address
   Moderator: Dennis Doyle, University of Dayton
2. Discussion of Michael Baxter’s Address
   Moderator: Sandra Yocum Mize, University of Dayton
JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2004

The distinguished theologian whom we honor this evening was born literally on the eve of Pearl Harbor, December 6, 1941. Growing up on the East Coast of the United States, in an Irish Catholic family, the eldest of seven children, early on she honed her quick wit, spirited debate skills, astute appraisal, and ability to press razor sharp arguments. She attended a Catholic secondary school, and, after graduation, responded to the invitation to vowed religious life. If the war effort echoed in her childhood, the breathtaking changes initiated by the Second Vatican Council made a deep impression during her early experience of religious life. In particular, the exhortation to solidarity in Gaudium et Spes, to make our own "the joys and hope, the grief and anguish of the men and women of our time, especially of those who are poor and afflicted in any way" (Gaudium et Spes, #1) helped to shape her growing vision of the Church, of theology and its potential.

Like many other vowed women religious of that era, her baccalaureate and master’s degrees were followed by stints of teaching at elementary, junior high, secondary, and, undergraduate levels. Only doctoral studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. drew her away from her beloved East Coast. One of the first women to earn the degree of doctor of philosophy in the Department of Theology at Catholic University, following graduation she remained at the University to teach for a decade, earning tenure in 1991. In that same year, she accepted an appointment as professor of theology at Fordham University, and in 1997 the University named her Distinguished Professor of Theology.

A former President of the Society, our honoree enjoys an exceptional theological career. In addition to active and creative participation in several learned societies, she has authored seven books and numerous scholarly essays and popular articles, which have been translated into German, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, French, Dutch, Polish, Lithuanian, and Korean. Her scholarship, characterized by meticulous research, the bold application of hermeneutics, and intellectual rigor and imagination, has helped to define feminist theology. Indeed, her theological career has been devoted to creating a

Deeply committed to and involved in the life of the Church, our honoree has served as a theologian on the national Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue, a consultant to the Catholic Bishops' Committee on Women in Church and Society, and a theological consultant to two Vatican-sponsored commissions—the dialogue between science and religion and the study of Christ and world religions.

She is the recipient of nine honorary degrees and numerous awards for academic excellence as well as theological work and service to the Church. Three of these indicate the breadth of her commitments—the Teaching Award from Fordham's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; the award from the journal *U.S. Catholic* recognizing her efforts to advance the cause of women in the Church, and the Sacred Universe Award presented by the environmental group SpiritEarth for her promotion of care of the earth.

In the name of the Catholic Theological Society of America, in your name, I am privileged and pleased to confer our highest honor, the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology, to a woman who is our colleague, our friend, and truly our sister, Elizabeth Johnson of the Congregation of Saint Joseph, Brentwood, Long Island, New York.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

President Shawn Copeland called the annual business meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. Timothy O'Connell served as Parliamentarian. The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved.

**Committee on Admissions**

James Pambrun, representing David Stagaman, Chair, presented the report of the Admissions Committee. The other members of the committee were Margaret Pfeil, Dennis Doyle and Theresa Moser, the secretary of the CTSA, *ex officio*. James Pambrun and Dennis Doyle will continue to serve on the committee next year.

From approximately ninety-five initial inquiries during the year, eighty-eight applications were returned. In its review the committee found that eighty-seven applications qualified for membership; fifty for active membership and thirty-seven for associate membership. One of the applicants for active membership decided to defer her admission for this year. Thirteen of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Three applicants were former...
members who were reinstated. Thirty-three (40%) of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Eight (8%) are from underrepresented races/ethnicities. Six (7%) are from outside the United States. The Admissions Committee recommended that the eighty-seven applicants whose names had been posted on the bulletin board outside the meeting be admitted to the Society.

The CTSA members present at the meeting approved the committee’s recommendation by a voice vote. The president asked the new members who were present at the convention to stand and be recognized. They were greeted with a round of applause. The president then invited the new members and others who had been admitted to membership recently to a reception to be held immediately following the business meeting. Brief biographical entries and addresses of the new members are found in the addenda to the CTSA Directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

**Report of the Nominating Committee**

Michael Fahey, S.J., chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Miguel Diaz and Catherine Clifford. Diaz and Clifford will continue to serve on the committee next year. The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follows.

- **for vice president:** Daniel Finn, St. John’s University, Collegeville
  Stephen J. Pope, Boston College

- **for secretary:** M. Theresa Moser, University of San Francisco

- **for treasurer:** Roger McGrath, Our Lady of Grace Parish

- **for board members:** Bryan N. Massingale, St. Francis Seminary
  Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University
  John E. Thiel, Fairfield University
  Elena G. Procario-Foley, Iona College

There were no nominations from the floor.

Daniel Finn was elected vice president. Bryan Massingale was elected to the board on the second ballot. John Thiel was elected to the board on the third ballot. M. Theresa Moser was elected secretary by acclamation. Roger McGrath was elected treasurer by acclamation.

Roberto Goizueta becomes the new president for 2004-2005. Mary Catherine Hilkert becomes president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are M. Shawn Copeland as past president, Mary Hines, and Leo Lefebure.

**President’s Report**

President Shawn Copeland noted that it had been a quiet year for the board. The Board has therefore taken time for reflective conversations with a view to
becoming more proactive in addressing issues—the “signs of the times”—in the near future.

President Copeland called the members attention to the fact that Jeff Marlett continues to work on the history of the society in preparation for the 60th anniversary and needs the cooperation of the membership to complete the project. He will be contacting some members for historical information and possible interviews.

President Copeland then announced the initiation of the CTSA Best Article Award to New Scholars. Applicants should be Roman Catholic women or men who are active or associate members of the Society. Applicants should be doctoral students who are enrolled in a program of theology or religious studies at the time of submission of the article to the CTSA, or non-tenured professors whose doctorate was conferred less than three years prior to the time of submission of the article to the CTSA. The deadline for submission of an article is January 15th. The author whose essay is recognized will receive a plaque of recognition and an honorarium of $500.

President Copeland thanked board member Marie Pilar Aquino for her initiative in developing the proposal for the award and submitting it to the board of directors for approval.

President-elect’s Report

President-elect Roberto Goizueta noted that the site of this year’s convention in Reston, Virginia, represents a departure from the usual practice of holding the annual convention in a city center. He asked the members for feedback on the experiment of holding the convention in a suburban area. The rising cost of hotel rooms in urban centers is a factor in choosing future convention sites.

President-elect Goizueta announced that the board is considering a new design for the website with a view to expanding its use and employing new technology. He invited members with experience in website development and media to contact him.

President-elect Goizueta then thanked all those whose had worked on the program and the arrangements for the annual meeting. He especially thanked Executive Director Dolores Christie and the members of the local arrangements committee, Carmen Nanko (coordinator), Peter Antoci, Gerri Noble-Martocci, Peter Phan, Jean-Pierre Ruiz, and Theresa Torres.

Vice-president’s Report

Vice-president Mary Catherine Hilkert announced that the 2005 convention will be held June 9-12 at the St. Louis Hyatt Union Station. The theme of the convention is “Resurrection of the Body.” J. J. Mueller, S.J., of St. Louis University is coordinator of local arrangements, and Charles Bouchard of
Aquinas Institute has volunteered to assist him. Any CTSA members in the St.
Louis area are invited to join the committee.

Vice-president Hilkert announced that the meeting will celebrate the 60th
anniversary of the CTSA. She welcomed suggestions and volunteers for the 60th
anniversary committee. The call for papers for the convention will be posted on
the web site, as will the e-mail addresses and contact information for conveners.
She asked the members to consider proposing sessions on topics related to the
anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council and the death of Oscar
Romero.

Vice-president Hilkert then pointed out that the 2005 convention will mark
the 10th year of the current convention structure. The structure calls for
developing groups, which after three years can apply for continuing group status;
research groups, which meet for a maximum of three years to develop a common
publication; select groups; and invited sessions. The structure calls for no more
than 30 developing, continuing and research groups, leaving space for ten select
groups and invited sessions. Currently there are 34 ongoing groups, leaving little
room for select groups or new developing groups. Hilkert asked conveners to be
creative in planning the number and structure of sessions so as to keep space
open on the program. For example, conveners could hold a joint session with
another continuing group. Another possibility would be to consider meeting bi-
annually. The board will be looking at an evaluation process for groups. It may
be necessary for the board to discontinue some groups to keep the maximum at
30. For next year, new groups can be proposed, but they may need to wait for
space on the program.

Vice-president Hilkert thanked all for their work on the convention program.
She will continue the conversation on program structure at the convener’s
breakfast on Sunday morning.

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, Vice-president Hilkert announced
that none were submitted this year.

Secretary’s Report

Secretary Theresa Moser announced that the CTSA board will be increas-
ingly employing electronic forms of communication, using the listserv and the
website. The CTSA listserv has successfully migrated from Boston College to the
University of San Francisco. The listserv is used primarily for official communi-
cations (i.e., important convention announcements, reminders, death notices, etc.).
Not all CTSA members are currently subscribed to the listserv. To subscribe,
send an e-mail to the secretary (moser@usfca.edu). For change of e-mail address,
it is helpful to send the old address in addition to the new so the old address can
be unsubscribed from the list.

Secretary Moser also advised the members to check the webpage, which is
located at John Carroll University (http://www.jcu.edu/ctsa). The webpage
contains the up-to-date online directory, the convention program, important announcements from the membership, and other matters of interest.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Robert McGrath referred members to the financial report and balance sheet that was included in the convention folders. He noted that dues collection was down for some reason, perhaps because of late payments. At the same time, revenues increased by almost $50,000 as compared to last year because of better investment returns, while expenditures remained fairly even. The overall picture shows that the CTSA is exercising fiscal responsibility in its management of funds.

Treasurer McGrath then reminded the membership that last year there had been discussion of changing the dues structure by moving from fixed amounts of dues to graduated dues. A poll of the membership had been taken. Of the 145 respondents, 119 favored graduated dues, 23 opposed, and 3 were undecided. In percentage terms, 82% of the members responding were in favor, 16% opposed, and 2% undecided. The distribution in favor of graduated dues cut across all income levels.

Treasurer McGrath, on behalf of the Board, then moved that the members vote in principle on the question of instituting a graduated dues structure.

"Be it resolved that the CTSA institute a graduated annual dues structure for fiscal year 2005."

McGrath clarified that a vote in principle meant that the board of directors retains the discretion to adjust the income ranges as needed.

By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. The dues structure for 2005 will be

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N.B. With this new structure, all other categories, such as retired, spouse, student, etc., are eliminated.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Dolores Christie reported that 252 members preregistered for the annual meeting and 53 on site. The total registered is 305. Tickets were required for admission to the banquet, and a record 280-290 persons were planning to attend. Although alternative housing was not available for this
convention, plans are underway for alternative housing at St. Louis University during next year’s convention at the St. Louis Hyatt Union Station.

Executive Director Christie thanked all who had helped with the convention, especially Cynthia Crysdale, who had loaned her computer for the registration desk, and Helen Ciernick, who arranged and coordinated the registration team, including the local student volunteers.

Report of the INSeCT Representative

INSeCT Representative Bradford Hinze, who has been elected president of the international organization, summarized projects currently underway. INSeCT (International Network for Societies for Catholic Theology) met at the CTSA convention in New Orleans two years ago. Two projects are underway; a new project on African Catholic Theology, in which African theologians are invited to post essays on the website; and the development of regional reports on theology from around the world. To date reports have been received from Asia, Australia, South Africa, Chile, and Canada. The INSeCT website is available to members from a link on the CTSA web page.

With no other business to be addressed, President Copeland thanked her colleagues for their reports, expressed gratitude to Timothy O’Connell for serving as parliamentarian, and invited new and newer members to the President’s reception after the business meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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