

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*

1. *Black Catholic Theology*. Program Group.

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

2. *Medieval Theology*. Program Group.

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

4. Comparative Theology. Program Group.
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
5. Constructive Theology and Contemporary Theory. Developing Group.
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
6. Missiology and Mission Theology. Program Group.
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
7. Bioethics and Healthcare. Program Group.
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
8. North American Contextual Theologies. Program Group.
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
9. Von Balthasar Society. Program Group.
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
10. Renaissance and Modern Theology. Program Group.
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 Hilker,

University of Notre Dame, vice-president, CTSA

2:30-4:15 *Group Sessions*

1. Catholic Social Teaching. Program Group.

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

2. Early Christian Theology. Program Group.

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

3. Latino/a Theology. Program Group.

Reconciliation: A Liberationist Perspective

Convener and Moderator: Gary Riebe-Estrella, Catholic Theological Union

Presenters: María Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego

Michael Lee, University of Notre Dame

4. Church in the United States. Developing Group.

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 Strykowski, Diocese of Brooklyn
6. World Church Theology. Research Group.
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
8. Yves Congar Ecumenical Colloquium. Program Group.
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
9. Spirituality. Program Group.
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*

1. Christology. Program Group.

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

4. Ecclesiology. Program Group.

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
 7. Moral Theology. Program Group.
 Virtuous Sex
 Convener and Moderator: Thomas B. Leininger, Regis University
 Presenters: James F. Keenan, Boston College
 Edward Vacek, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
 8. White Privilege and Racism. Developing Group.
 Conveners: 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
 9. Karl Rahner Society. Program Group.
 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
 11. The Catholic Common Ground Initiative. Selected Session.
 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*

1. The Nature and Purpose of the Church. Research Group.
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
3. Christian Jewish Relations. Selected Session.
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
4. Ritual, Violence, and Reconciliation in the Abrahamic Traditions.
Selected Session.
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
6. Comparative Theology. Program Group.
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
7. Thought of John Henry Newman. Program Group.
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
8. Moral and Sacramental Theology. Selected Session.
 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
9. Method in Theology. Program Group.
 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
10. Theology and Ecology. Program Group.
 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 Bernard Lonergan, S.J.: Robert Doran, S.J.
 On John Courtney Murray, S.J.: Leon Hooper, S.J.
 On Karl Rahner, S.J.: Leo J. O'Donovan, 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

3. Discussion of Denise Ackermann's Address
Moderator: James Keenan, Boston College

11:00-12:00 *Fourth Plenary Session*

Presiding: M. Catherine Hilkert,

University of Notre Dame, vice-president, CTSA

Address: M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College, president, CTSA

12:00 *Appointment of the New President*

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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

footbridge between the classical theological tradition and feminist insights. Her path breaking book, *She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse*, garnered several major awards, most notably the 1992 Grawemeyer Award in Religion from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and in 1999 her *Friends of God and Prophets: A Feminist Theological Reading of the Communion of Saints* received the prize for Excellence in the Study of Religion (constructive category) from the American Academy of Religion.

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 Hilbert 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 Hilker 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 increasingly 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 communications (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

INCOME RANGE	DUES
<\$20,000	\$30
\$20-30,000	\$60
\$30-40,000	\$75
\$40-50,000	\$90
\$50-60,000	\$105
>\$60,000	\$120

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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