

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its fifty-third annual convention 11-14 June 1998 at the Radisson Hotel Ottawa Centre in Ottawa, Ontario. The theme of the convention was "Theological Anthropology: The Human *Telos* in the Divine Economy." Registration took place from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11.

At the opening session the Most Reverend Marcel Gervais, Archbishop of Ottawa, welcomed the convention participants to Ottawa. The Rector of Saint Paul University, Reverend Dale M. Schlitt, O.M.I., offered the opening prayer. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. The CTSA gratefully acknowledges the Collège Dominicain de Philosophie et Théologie, Novalis Publishing, and Saint Paul University for subsidizing the opening reception.

After lunch on Friday, June 12, the Resolutions Committee held a hearing on the resolution that had been submitted for consideration and action at the annual business meeting. The business meeting was held in the late afternoon of Friday, June 12. The President's reception for new members followed the business meeting.

The convention's eucharistic liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 13, at Paroisse Saint-Jean-Baptist. Rev. Ronald Mercier, S.J., Dean of Regis College in Toronto, presided. He was assisted by Rev. Thomas Potvin, O.P. President Mary Ann Donovan offered a reflection. The convention banquet followed the liturgy. During the banquet President Donovan acknowledged various members of the society who had published books, received grants, or had accepted new academic appointments by asking them to stand. Toward the end of the banquet she read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque and medal to David Hollenbach, S.J.

Morning prayer was held from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On various days throughout the convention there were special meetings and luncheons or breakfasts for such groups as the Women's Seminar, the Karl Rahner Society, the Theological Studies Board of Editorial Consultants, and the conveners of continuing and developing groups.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

*Thursday, 11 June*1:00–4:00 *Women's Seminar in Constructive Theology*

Topic: "Feminism and Theological Education:
Multiple Commitments, Moments of Grace."

Coconveners: Susan M. St. Ville, University of Notre Dame

Susan M. Simonaitis, Fordham University

Moderator: Susan M. Simonaitis, Fordham University

Presenter: Mary Boys, Union Theological Seminary, New York

8:00–9:30 *Opening and First Plenary Session*

Moderator: Mary Ann Donovan, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley,
CTSA President

Welcome: Most Rev. Marcel Gervais, Archbishop of Ottawa

Opening Prayer: Rev. Dale M. Schlitt, Rector of Saint Paul University,
Ottawa

Address: Roberto S. Goizueta, Loyola University, Chicago

"A Matter of Life and Death:

Theological Anthropology between Calvary and Galilee."

Respondent: Alejandro García-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

9:30 *Reception**Friday Morning, 12 June*9:00–10:30 Group Meetings¹

1. Theological Anthropology from the Margins (in three parts)
(Joint session of three Continuing groups: Black Catholic Theology, Hispanic/Latino Theology, North American Contextual Theology)
Topic: Part I. "Race, Racism, and Culture."
Coconveners: Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
Roberto S. Goizueta, Loyola University, Chicago
Robert Lassalle-Klein, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

¹About the group meetings. Members are welcome to attend any group meeting. Those designated "Continuing" have program spaces assured on an ongoing basis, reviewed when the convention structure is reviewed. Groups designated "Select" are selected by the Program Committee from members' proposals for a given year, while those designated "Invited" appear on the program in a given year at the invitation of the president-elect. A "Research" group has a program space for three years.

- Moderator: Robert Lassalle-Klein, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Presenters: Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
Orlando Espín, University of San Diego
2. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology. Continuing group.
Topic: "Locating Liturgy: Worship in Its Contexts."
Convener: Bruce T. Morrill, Boston College
Moderator: Prudence Croke, Salve Regina University
Presenters: Nwaka Chris Egbulem, Amen Foundation, Washington D.C.
James Empereur, San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio
William Reiser, College of the Holy Cross
Susan Roll, Christ the King Seminary, Buffalo NY
3. Trinitarian Theology. Continuing group.
Topic: "Divine Providence, Chance, and the Problem of Evil."
Convener: Nancy A. Dallavalle, Fairfield University CT
Moderator: Barbara A. Finan, Ohio Dominican College
Presenters: Joseph A. Bracken, Xavier University, Cincinnati
Elizabeth A. Johnson, Fordham University
4. "The Synod for America: Theological and Anthropological Implications."
Select Group.
Moderator: Mary M. McGlone, Avila College
Presenters: Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, Diocese of Las Cruces
Archbishop Marcel Gervais, Archdiocese of Ottawa
5. "The Moral Ecology of Markets in the Work of Pope John Paul II:
A Framework for Analysis." Select Group.
Convener: Kenneth Himes, Washington Theological Union
Presenter: Daniel Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville MN
Respondent: David Hollenbach, Boston College
6. "Congar's Theological Anthropology and his Doctrine of Salvation."
Select Group.
Conveners: Richard Beauchesne, Emmanuel College, Boston
Mark Ginter, Saint Meinrad School of Theology
Moderator: Charles R. Dautremont, St. Dominic Parish, Grand Rapids MI
Presenters: Fred Jelly, Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg MD
James Christie, Southminster Uniting Church, Ottawa
Lucian Turcescu, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
7. Renaissance/Modern Theology. Continuing Group.
Topic: "Romano Guardini's Theological Anthropology
and Its Political Implications."
Convener: Bradford E. Hinze, Marquette University
Presenter: Robert Krieg, University of Notre Dame
Respondent: William Madges, Xavier University, Cincinnati

8. Spirituality. Continuing Group.
 Topic: "Anthropologies for a Socially Conscious Spirituality:
 Josiah Royce, Emmanuel Levinas, Gustavo Gutierrez."
 Convener: Joan M. Nuth, John Carroll University, Cleveland
 Moderator: Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
 Presenters: Michael Downey, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
 Simon J. Hendry, Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley

11:00–12:30 *Second Plenary Session*

Moderator: William M. Thompson, Duquesne University,
 CTSA Past President

Address: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University
 "The New Anthropological Subject at the Heart of the Mystical
 Body of Christ."

Respondent: Mary Ellen Sheehan, University of St. Michael's College,
 Toronto

Friday Afternoon, 12 June

1:15–2:15 *Hearing of the Resolutions Committee*

Presiding: Margaret A. Farley, CTSA Vice President, Yale Divinity School

2:30–4:15 *Group Meetings*

1. Theological Anthropology from the Margins. Part II.
 Topic: "Gender and Class."
 Moderator: Roberto S. Goizueta, Loyola University, Chicago
 Presenters: Christine Firer Hinze, Marquette University
 Carl F. Starkloff, Regis College, Toronto
2. Theology and the Natural Sciences. Continuing group.
 Topic: "The Johnson-Bracken Exchange—Searching for Metaphysics
 Adequate to our Evolutionary Universe."
 Convener: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory, University of Arizona
 Moderator: Anne M. Clifford, Duquesne University
 Presenters: John H. Wright, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
 Mary Gerhart, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Allan M. Russell, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
3. "Theological Anthropology, the Material Universe, and the Moral Order."
 Select group.
 Moderator: John Berkman, Catholic University of America
 Presenter: Mark Johnson, Marquette University
 Respondent: Lisa Cahill, Boston College
4. "Theological Anthropology at the Christian/Aboriginal
 Interface in Australia." Invited group.

Moderator: Phillip Linden, Xavier University, New Orleans

Presenter: Gideon Goosen, Australian Catholic University, Sydney, Australia

Respondent: Robert Gascoigne, Australian Catholic University,
Sydney, Australia

5. "Koinonia Ecclesiology Reflected in Interchurch Marriage and Family Life."
Select group.

Moderator: George Kilcourse, Bellarmine College

Presenters: Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto

Michael G. Lawler, Creighton University

Philippe Thibodeau, Director, Canadian Centre for Ecumenism

6. Hans Urs von Balthasar Society. Continuing group.

Topic: "Does Hans Urs von Balthasar Have a Political Theology?"

Convener: David L. Schindler, John Paul II Institute, Washington DC

Presenter: Frederick Bauerschmidt, Loyola University of Baltimore

Respondent: Brian Benestad, University of Scranton

7. Comparative Theology. Continuing group.

Topic: "Buddhist Theology—Some Reflections
by a Contemporary Buddhist Scholar."

Convener: James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles

Moderator: Francis X. Clooney, Boston College

Presenter: John Makransky, Boston College

8. Catholic Social Teaching. Continuing Group.

Topic: "Health Care and Social Ethics: Canadian and U.S. Models."

Convener: Thomas J. Poundstone, St. Mary's College of California, Moraga

Moderator: William P. George, Dominican University

Presenters: Ronald Mercier, Regis College, Toronto

Gerard Magill, St. Louis University

9. Christology. Continuing group.

Topic: "Christological Claims: The Historical Jesus and the "Word of God."

Convener: Michael O'Keeffe, Saint Xavier University, Chicago

Presenter: Tatha Wiley, St. John's University, Colledgeville

4:45–6:15 *Business Meeting*

6:15–7:15 *President's Reception for New Members*

8:00–10:00 Communication Theology. Continuing Group.

Topic: "*Nothing Sacred*: Communicating Theology Through Stories."

Convener: Bernard R. Bonnot, UNDA-USA

Moderator: Frances Forde Plude, Notre Dame College, Cleveland

Presenter: Bill Cain, Creator and Producer of *Nothing Sacred*

Respondents: Kevin Bradt, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

Lynn Schofield-Clark, University of Colorado

Saturday Morning, 13 June

7:15–8:45 Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society

Topic: "Ongoing and Future Society Projects"

Convener: Melvin Michalski, St. Francis Seminary

9:00–10:30 *Third Plenary Session*

Moderator: Robert J. Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union, CTSA President-elect

Address: Hubert Doucet, Université de Montréal

"How Theology Could Contribute to the Redemption of Bioethics from an Individualist Approach to an Anthropological Sensitivity."

Respondent: James J. Walter, Loyola University, Chicago

11:00–12.30 *Group Meetings*

1. Theological Anthropology from the Margins. Part III.
Topic: Panel and general discussion on the interrelationship of race, culture, gender, and class, and their impact on theological anthropology.
Moderator: Jamie T. Phelps, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
Panelists: Jamie T. Phelps, Orlando Espín, Christine Firer Hinze, and Carl Starkloff (presenters from Parts I and II)
2. Karl Rahner Society. Continuing group.
Topic: "Teaching Rahner."
Convener: Robert L. Masson, Marquette University
Moderator: D. Thomas Hughson, Marquette University
Presenters: Jack Bonsor, Santa Clara University
James Buckley, Loyola College, Baltimore
Thomas F. O'Meara, University of Notre Dame
Carmichael Peters, Santa Clara University
3. Research Group on Genetics.
Topic: "Cultural, Ethical, and Theological Issues in Cloning."
Convener: Thomas A. Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Moderator: James J. Walter, Loyola University, Chicago
Presenters: Thomas A. Shannon, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Andrea Vicini, Boston College
Zachary Hayes, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
4. "The Canadian Experience: Challenges and Contradictions for the Church."
Select group.
Moderator: Ellen M. Leonard, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
Presenters: Carolyn Sharp, Redactrice en chef, *Relations*, Montréal
Jacoba H. Kuikman, University of Regina, Saskatchewan
Ellen M. Leonard, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto

5. "Homosexuality and the Human *Telos*: Sexual Ethics, Social Justice, and Human Fulfillment." Select Group.
(Session in memory of André Guindon)
Convener: Thomas J. Poundstone, St. Mary's College of California, Moraga
Presenters: Richard Peddicord, Aquinas Institute of Theology
Paul Giurlanda, St. Mary's College of California, Moraga
6. "John Paul II and the Theology of the Body." Invited group.
Moderator: Anthony Kosnick, Marygrove College, Detroit
Presenter: Benedict Ashley, Aquinas Institute of Theology
Respondent: Ronald E. Modras, Saint Louis University
7. Medieval Theology. Continuing group.
Topic: "Does the Incarnation Represent the Ultimate Form of Human Fulfillment?"
Convener: Katherine M. Yohe, Trinity College, Washington DC
Moderator: Joseph Wawrykow, University of Notre Dame
Presenters: Michael Gorman, Saint Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia
Jane Bullock Schlubach, University of Notre Dame
Respondent: Robert Kennedy, Saint Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia
8. Theological Anthropology. Continuing group.
Topic: "The Flesh of Adam: Two Medieval Women on Bodiliness."
Convener: Anne H. King-Lenzmeier, University of Saint Thomas, St. Paul MN
Presenter: Marie Anne Mayeski, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles
Respondent: Francis X. Clooney, Boston College

Saturday Afternoon, 13 June

2:30-4:15 Group Meetings

1. Theology as a Collaborative Project. Continuing group.
Topic: "Teleology in Contemporary Science and St. Thomas: Is a Conversation Possible?"
Convener: Jack Bonsor, Santa Clara University
Moderator: Roger McGrath, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore
Presenters: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory, University of Arizona
Robert Barron, Mundelein Seminary
2. Mission and Mission Theology. Continuing group.
Topic: "The *Humanum* in Christian Theology and in Various Cultures: An Exercise in Theological/Cultural Anthropology."
Convener: Carl F. Starkloff, Regis College, Toronto
Moderator: Lou McNeil, Georgian Court College NJ
Presenters: Michael Steltenkamp, Wheeling College
Esther Tse, Duquesne University

3. "Bernard Lonergan's Notion of 'Emergent Probability' in Light of the Ecofeminist Critique of the 'Great Chain of Being' and Matter/Spirit Dualisms." Select Group.
Moderator: Cynthia S.W. Crysdale, Catholic University of America
Presenters: Kenneth Melchin, Saint Paul University, Ottawa
Anne Marie Dalton, Saint Mary University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Michael Shute, Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland
4. "Anthropology as Basic to Sacramentology." Select Group.
Convener: Robert J. Daly, Boston College
Moderator: Mary Collins, Catholic University of America
Presenters: Robert J. Daly, Boston College
Tiffany Israel Shiner, Boston College
Respondent: Lizette Larson-Miller, University of Notre Dame
5. "The Threatened *Humanum* and Eschatological Hope: Insights from Edward Schillebeeckx." Select Group.
Moderator: Elena Procario-Foley, Iona College
Presenter: Mary Catherine Hilker, University of Notre Dame
Respondent: Bradford E. Hinze, Marquette University
6. Eastern Catholic Theology. Invited group.
Topic: "What is Eastern Catholic Theology?"
Convener: Peter Galadza, Saint Paul University, Ottawa
Moderator: Jerry Skira, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
Presenters: Robert Taft, Pontificio Istituto Orientale, Rome
Andriy Chirovsky, Saint Paul University, Ottawa
Myroslaw Tataryn, University of Saskatchewan
Peter Galadza, Saint Paul University, Ottawa
7. Early Christian Theology. Continuing group.
Topic: "Spirit, Soul and Body? Questions in Early Christian Anthropology."
Convener: Alexis Doval, Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga
Moderator: Dolores Greeley, St. Louis University
Presenter: Michael Slusser, Duquesne University
8. Moral Theology. Continuing group.
Topic: "Imagination and Narrative in the Transmission of Moral Values."
Conveners: Patrick T. McCormick, Gonzaga University
Brian F. Linnane, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester
Presenters: Timothy E. O'Connell, Loyola University, Chicago
Russell B. Connors, Jr., St. Catherine's College, St. Paul MN
9. Ecclesiology. Continuing group.
Topic: "Questions of Ordained Identity Today."
Convener: Catherine Michaud, College of Saint Catherine, St. Paul MN
Moderator: Shirley Jordan, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul MN
Presenters: Thomas P. Rausch, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles
Richard R. Gaillardetz, University of St. Thomas School of Theology,

Houston

10. Method in Theology. Continuing group.
Topic: " 'The Subject' Revisited."
Conveners: M. Shawn Copeland, Marquette University
J. Michael Stebbins, Georgetown University
Moderator: J. Michael Stebbins, Georgetown University
Presenter: Frederick G. Lawrence, Boston College
11. Theologies of Family. Task Force.
Topic: "Research Seminar on Catholic Theologies of Family:
Report and Prospects."
Moderator: Christine Firer Hinze, Marquette University
Presenters: William Roberts, Dayton University
Richard Gaillardetz, University of St. Thomas, Houston

5:15 *Eucharist: Paroisse Saint-Jean-Baptiste*

7:00 *Reception*

7:30 *John Courtney Murray Award Banquet*

Sunday Morning, 14 June

9:00-10:30 *Follow-up Seminars*

1. Exploration of Roberto S. Goizueta's paper: "A Matter of Life and Death: Theological Anthropology Between Calvary and Galilee."
Facilitator/Moderator: Jeffrey Gros, Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, CTSA Board
Reporter: Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University, New York
To open the conversation: Alejandro García-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
2. Exploration of M. Shawn Copeland's paper: "The New Anthropological Subject at the Heart of the Mystical Body of Christ."
Facilitator/Moderator: Anne E. Patrick, Carleton College
Reporter: Anne M. Clifford, Duquesne, CTSA Board
To open the conversation: Mary Ellen Sheehan, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
3. Exploration of Hubert Doucet's paper: "How Theology Could Contribute to the Redemption of Bioethics from an Individualist Approach to an Anthropological Sensitivity."
Facilitator/Moderator: James Pambrun, St. Paul University, Ottawa, CTSA Board
Reporter: Thomas Nairn, Catholic Theological Union
To open the conversation: James J. Walter, Loyola University, Chicago

11.00–12.00 Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address

Moderator: Margaret A. Farley, Yale Divinity School, CTSA Vice President

Address: Mary Ann Donovan, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley,
CTSA President

“Dancing before the Lord: Theological Anthropology
and Christian Spirituality as Graceful Partners.”

12:00 *Appointment of the New President*

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JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD, 1998

Some twenty years ago a leading social critic issued a lament concerning John Courtney Murray's suppositions about the compatibility of Christian tradition and the prevailing forms of American political discourse. This critic wrote that while Murray's suppositions "may be too simple, he took the American secular political position much more seriously than have most contemporary American theologians. Creative development of American Catholic social thought will occur when Murray's lead is followed in this regard." This evening we honor the author of these words, a scholar whose incisive interpretations of American public theology distinguish him as Murray's preeminent disciple. Serious, but never too simple, his creative development of Catholic social thought is a testament of great wisdom and inspiration for the Church at the cusp of the millennium.

Our honoree, like Murray, is a member of the Society of Jesus, and deeply dedicated to its contemporary mission of the service of faith and the promotion of justice. A native of Philadelphia, he completed a B.S. degree in physics from St. Joseph's University in 1964. As his academic career proceeded, in 1968 he received a Ph.L. from the College of Philosophy and Letters and an M.A. from the Department of Philosophy of St. Louis University, and in 1971 an M.Div. degree from Woodstock College. Following Murray's lead, his studies culminated at Yale where his pursuit of *Lux et Veritas* led to his being awarded a Ph.D. in Religious ethics in 1975.

Many influential publications have followed, including several groundbreaking books that remain unsurpassed in mediating the tradition of modern Roman Catholic social thought. The work *Claims in Conflict: Retrieving and Renewing the Catholic Human Rights Tradition* offered both a rich interpretation of the emergence of the modern encyclical and conciliar tradition and also an eloquent defense of the primacy of human dignity in Catholic assessments of human rights. Another work, *Justice, Peace, and Human Rights: American Social Ethics in a Pluralistic World*, reverts to themes first adumbrated by Murray. Here our honoree developed the implications of American Catholic ethics for a world bedeviled by pluralism and uncivil strife. Over the years, his many journal

articles in noted publications, chapters in books, and public addresses at learned societies and in pastoral gatherings have proven him to be that *rara avis* of our theological world: a humble prophet. An eminently practical wisdom was apparent in his role as a principal consultant to the United States Catholic Bishops in the drafting of their renowned pastoral letter, *Economic Justice for All* in 1986.

Having taught with distinction at Georgetown and at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, he is presently Margaret O'Brien Flatley Professor of Catholic Theology at Boston College. From August, 1996 to January, 1997 he taught social ethics at Hekima College, the Jesuit School of Theology in Nairobi, Kenya as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar. During this time, he studied and wrote eloquently of the aftermath of tragic genocide in Rwanda. Leavened with a knowledge of feminist and liberationist critique, his scholarship, ever timely and original, embodies the virtues of civility, wisdom, and justice which Murray so esteemed.

For distinguished achievement in theology, the Catholic Theological Society of America is pleased to present the 1998 John Courtney Murray Award to David Hollenbach, S.J.

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Mary Ann Donovan called the annual business meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 1998. Timothy O'Connell served as parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Brian Linnane presented the report of the Committee on Admissions. The other members of the committee were Marie Baird (Chair), John Alverson, Janet Ruffing, and the secretary of the CTSA. Brian Linnane and Janet Ruffing will continue next year.

From approximately eighty-eight initial inquiries during the year, fifty-nine were returned. In its review the committee found that fifty-nine applicants were qualified for membership; forty-four for active membership, and fifteen for associate membership. Twelve of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Two applicants who formerly were active members were reinstated. Seventeen of the new members, both active and associate, are women.

The committee recommended that these fifty-nine applicants be admitted to the Society. The CTSA members present at the business meeting approved the committee's recommendation by a voice vote. The president asked new members who were present at the convention to stand to be recognized. They were greeted by a round of applause. The president then invited the new members to the president's reception for new members immediately following the business meeting.

Brief biographical entries and addresses of the new members will be found in the directory update contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

Committee on Nominations

Lisa Sowle Cahill, chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Robert Krieg and Mary Ellen Sheehan. Krieg and Sheehan will continue to serve on the committee next year, with Krieg serving as chair. The nominees proposed by the committee were:

- for Vice President: Kenneth R. Himes, Washington Theological Union
Margaret O’Gara, University of St. Michael’s College
- for Secretary: Mary Ann Hinsdale, College of the Holy Cross
- for Treasurer: Roger McGrath, St. Mary’s Seminary and University
- for Board Members: Sara Butler, Mundelein Seminary
Anne M. Clifford, Duquesne University
Roberto S. Goizueta, Loyola University of Chicago
Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University

There were no nominations from the floor. Kenneth Himes was elected Vice President. Roberto Goizueta and Anne Clifford and were elected on the third and fourth ballots respectively. Mary Ann Hinsdale was reelected secretary by acclamation. Roger McGrath was reelected treasurer by acclamation.

Robert Schreiter becomes the new president for 1998–1999. Margaret Farley becomes the president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Mary Ann Donovan as past president and Diana Hayes and James Pambrun as board members.

President’s Report

1. President Mary Ann Donovan announced that on Monday, June 15, 1998, the CTSA will receive the 1998 U.S. Catholic Award for furthering the cause of women in the Church. In announcing the award, the editor, Father Mark Brummel, stated, “We are proud to honor the Catholic Theological Society of America for supporting the work and development of women theologians. CTSA has a long history of thoughtful, careful attention paid to important theological questions regarding the role of women in the church and world.”

2. President Donovan announced two new committee appointments. Arturo Bañuelas had to resign his position on the Resolutions Committee. He is replaced by Gary Riebe-Estrella. Judith Dwyer cannot continue as editor of the *Proceedings*, because she has accepted a position as Executive Vice President at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. The CTSA is grateful for her excellent work completed to high professional standards. Michael Downey has accepted appointment as editor for up to five years. By reason of his experience, which includes editing *The New Dictionary of Catholic Spirituality*, he is eminently qualified. He will continue to move the publication in the direction set by his

predecessors, working consistently to improve the quality of the published material.

3. At the invitation of Professor Fernando Segovia, the CTSA has joined four other major professional organizations in sponsoring a recruitment conference to attract racial and ethnic minority students to religious studies, theological studies, and biblical literature. The four other sponsors are: The American Academy of Religion, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, the Fund for Theological Education, and the Society for Biblical Literature. Sponsorship means lending the Society's name and offering the work of our Committee for Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups, chaired by Jamie Phelps. The group is on target in its preparation for a conference scheduled at Vanderbilt the weekend of September 25, 1998.

4. Monika Hellwig of the ACCU, chair of the CTSA's *Ex corde ecclesiae* committee, sent regrets that she could not be present in Ottawa. Bishop Leibrecht is the chair of the *Ex corde ecclesiae* Implementation Committee of the NCCB, a committee composed of bishops and university presidents. A canonical subcommittee has been working on the effects of implementation in the United States and has reported once. The presidents who attended spoke freely, and Bishop Leibrecht asked the subcommittee to reexamine its work in light of the concerns the presidents raised. The subcommittee is expected to report again in late August or early September. Thereafter, the Implementation Committee will probably report to the Bishops Conference, though this may not yet be a final report.

5. Lisa Cahill informed the membership about a research center proposed by the Commission on Catholic Scholarship, chaired by James Heft. Called "The Catholic Institute for Advanced Studies (CIAS)," the center is conceived as an independent entity whose purpose is to promote scholarship within the Catholic tradition by providing selected scholars an opportunity to engage in two general types of research: (1) the study of the tradition itself in its manifold expressions: textual, liturgical, artistic, intellectual, institutional, social, spiritual, etc.; (2) the study from a Catholic perspective of questions of contemporary interest. The institute has received initial funding from an anonymous Catholic donor and is seeking a location in either Berkeley, Chicago, Princeton, Boston, or Washington, D.C. A planning commission has been set up which includes several members of the CTSA.

6. Bishop Raymond Lucker, who regularly attends CTSA conventions, sends his regrets and encouragement. His *ad limina* visit conflicts with this year's meeting.

President-Elect's Report

1. President-elect Schreiter announced that 409 persons were registered for the convention. Three hundred thirty-four preregistered and seventy-five registered on site.

2. The president-elect thanked all those who enabled the smooth running of the convention. He noted that Executive Secretary, Dolores Christie, was unable to be present, due to her husband's surgery. However, her excellent preconvention organization enabled things to run very smoothly. The CTSA is especially grateful to the superb local arrangements committee: James Pambrun (Chair), Eugene King, Thomas Potvin, Paul Allen, and Amy Strickland, as well as the excellent staff at the registration desk: Katherine TePas Yohe, Eileen Fagan, Maria Bowen, and Ed Konerman.

3. Prompted by Cardinal Mahony's recent letter in *Commonweal* and his own experience as Director of the Cardinal Bernardin Center, President-elect Schreiter expressed his desire to pursue a "common ground" initiative within the CTSA. He would like to hear more theological voices present at CTSA conventions and will be discussing this matter with conveners at the conveners' breakfast.

Vice President's Report

1. 1999 Convention. Vice President Margaret Farley announced that the theme of next year's convention is "Development of Doctrine." The meeting will be held 10-13 June, 1999 at the Miami Hyatt in Miami, Florida. Every effort will be made to provide for a variety of "voices" in the program. The aim is to address this issue both as a general question, but also in terms of specific doctrines. Some proposals have already been received for consideration as "Select Groups." More are encouraged, as are suggestions for plenary sessions. The deadline for submission of proposals is September 30, 1998, but earlier submission is welcomed. The Call for Papers instructions were mailed out with the convention registration materials and can also be accessed on the CTSA webpage: <http://carver.holycross.edu/organizations/ctsa/>.

2. The CTSA has been selected by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) as one of the professional organizations to which they offer a workshop on grant making and publishing. This will be incorporated into next year's convention, or it will be offered preconvention or postconvention. Details remain to be worked out. If the workshop is external to the convention, ATS will subsidize an extra day's lodging for participants.

Secretary's Report

1. The CTSA brochure will be updated with new photos this year. The webpage is also adding new features. Shortly, it will be registered with all the major search engines. In the meantime, you may want to "bookmark" it or add it to your "favorites" in your web browser. The secretary apologized for the glitch in the online application form. It should be corrected soon.

2. The Admissions Committee had requested the Board's assistance in interpreting membership requirements stipulated by the Constitutions (see article II.1.A). The Board interpreted the membership requirements as follows: "To be admitted to membership, a candidate must ordinarily fulfill two of these three

criteria: (1) an earned doctorate from an accredited institution; (2) employment in academic circles; (3) substantive publication record." Discussion: During the brief exchange that took place, it became apparent that the assembled members were not satisfied with this interpretation. Concerns were raised about persons in pastoral (i.e., nonacademic) positions and unemployed persons. It was also noted that this wording would exclude new Ph.Ds, despite the fact that our practice has been to admit them as active members upon completion of their degree. In response, the Board agreed to revisit this matter at its postconvention Board meeting.

3. The secretary reminded Associate members of their responsibility to notify the secretary upon completion of their doctorate. At this time it is necessary to fill out another form in order to furnish information for the Directory update (i.e., title of dissertation, research specialties and academic position). There are still some Associate members who haven't upgraded their membership. Next year it will be possible to notify us of this change on the membership dues form.

4. Mary Ann Hinsdale is undertaking a revision of the Directory that will be available for the year 2000. Look for an information form in the fall mailing and on the CTSA webpage. She clarified that as CTSA secretary, she only handles membership inquiries and applications. Dues payments and changes of address are to be sent to the Executive Secretary, Dee Christie, at Ursuline College.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer Roger McGrath reported that the CTSA's financial condition is "sound," but not "fat." We make ends meet with a little bit left over. Investment income has increased significantly with our balanced portfolio. The good market return continues into the current fiscal year. For the first time in several years we drew upon the investment income (not the corpus) to cover operational expenses. We can anticipate tighter budgets in the future due to a number of factors: (a) effect of normal inflation; (b) more frequent inability of officers' institutions to absorb or underwrite CTSA administrative costs, with the result that we incur the costs; (c) increased costs for administrative assistance and office costs, such as telephone and postage; (d) anticipation of publication of a new Directory in 2000.

2. Now that the membership database has been reconstructed, we are restructuring the chart of accounts to enable more effective budget analysis and control.

3. Response to questions from membership: (a) since the convention and dues receipts were inadvertently conflated, this made other than an artificial cost amount impossible to calculate; (b) the CTSA at present does not have a policy on socially responsible investments, but the Board will consider this.

Executive Secretary's Report

In the absence of the Executive Secretary, President-elect Schreiter gave the report. He communicated the following reminders: members who, after three years, have not paid dues are dropped from the rolls. All dues payments and

changes of address are to be sent to Dolores Christie, Executive Secretary, Ursuline College, 2550 Lander Road, Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124.

Resolutions

The only resolution brought forward from the Committee on Resolutions was a resolution concerning due process in the case of Sister Barbara Fiand, S.N.D. de Namur, Professor of Philosophical and Spiritual Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio. Margaret Farley, Chair of the Resolutions Committee presented the background on the resolution. She noted that the resolution does not say that the Athenaeum violated its procedures. The resolution read as follows:

Whereas serious concerns have been raised regarding respect for due process in the removal of Sister Barbara Fiand, S.N.D. de N., Professor of Philosophical and Spiritual Theology, from the Seminary program of the Athenaeum of Ohio; and

Whereas her professional future as a theological educator has thereby been called into doubt without clear justification;

Be it resolved that the CTSA once again calls for policies and actions that honor the moral right of every faculty member, when sanctions against them are being considered, to know the identity of their accusers and the content of the accusations, and to answer these accusations;

be it resolved also that the CTSA calls all Catholic educational institutions not only to respect the letter of the law of due process, but to work out disagreements in justice and charity; and

that the CTSA urges fair consideration of the professional standing and reputation of its members, in particular in this case, of Sister Barbara Fiand.

Ladislas Orsy proposed the following amendment to par. 4: *be it resolved also that the CTSA affirms once again the importance of respecting not only the letter of the law of due process but of working out disagreements in justice and charity; and.* This amendment carried unanimously. The final amended text then read as follows:

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that the CTSA urges fair consideration of the professional standing and reputation of its members, in particular in this case, of Sister Barbara Fiand.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Report from INSeCT

Anne E. Patrick, CTSA liaison for the International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology (INSeCT) reported that the main accomplishment of this year was the launching of the web page for the International Network. The internet address is: <http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/INSeCT/> This page is linked to the CTSA web page as well as to other societies around the world.

The International Network Steering Committee will meet again this year in conjunction with the congress of the European Society of Catholic Theology (ET) in Nijmegen, August 22-26. The theme for ET's third congress is "Faith in God between Tradition and Modernity."

With no other business to be addressed, the president entertained a motion to adjourn. The business meeting of the fifty-third convention was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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