

STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS

THE 71st GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

MINUTES of the 71st General Meeting of the Society held at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, during 2nd – 5th August, 2016

TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST, 2016

17.00 BUSINESS MEETING I

The *President*, Prof. Judith Lieu, was in the chair, and about 185 participants were in attendance. The meeting was held in the Auditorium of the Leacock Building. The *President* warmly welcomed those present, and especially new members and guests, to the 71st General Meeting of the Society.

BM2016/01 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

President Lieu welcomed members and guests to the 71st General Meeting and officially declared the General Meeting open. She extended a special word of welcome to those who were attending the meeting for the first time.

President Lieu indicated that former presidents of the Society, namely, Morna Hooker (1988), Peder Borgen (1998), Barbara Aland (2005), Wayne Meeks (2004), Daniel Marguerat (2007), Andreas Lindemann (2009), and Hank Jan de Jonge (2012), had conveyed their apologies for not being able to attend and sent their best wishes for a successful General Meeting.

BM2016/02 Deaths of (former) Members

The following members (or former members), whose deaths had come to the attention of the *Secretary* since the last General Meeting, were reported:

- John Ashton (Feb 2016)
- Donald S. Deer (Jan 2013)
- Heinz Giesen (Jul 2016)
- Dikran Hadidian
- Ferdinand Hahn (Jul 2015; noted at Amsterdam 2015)
- Robert Hamerton-Kelly (Jul 2013)
- Daniel J. Harrington (Feb 2014)
- Niels Hyldahl (Aug 2015)
- Ivor Jones (Apr 2016)
- Günter Klein (Jan 2016)
- Helmut Koester (Jan 2016)
- Theo de Kruijf (Jun 2014; noted at Amsterdam 2015)
- Gerard J. Kuiper (2014)
- I. Howard Marshall (Dec 2015)
- Stanley B. Marrow (Feb 2012)
- M.J.J. Menken (Mar 2016)
- Elliot M. Mgojo (Sep 2012)
- Dennis Nineham (Jul 2016)
- Franz Mussner (Mar 2016)
- Kurt Niederwimmer (Dec 2015)
- Gonzalo Aranda Perez (Apr 2016)
- Quentin Quesnell (Nov 2012)
- Heikki Räisänen (2016)
- James M. Robinson (Mar 2016)
- Cyril Rodd (Aug 2015)
- Jack T. Sanders (Jan 2016)
- B. Schneider (Jan 2015)
- Luise Schottroff (Feb 2015; noted at Amsterdam 2015)
- John H. Schütz (Sep 2015)
- D. Moody Smith (2016)
- Jan Szlaga (Apr 2012)

- Jean-Marie Van Cangh (May 2013)

The *President* asked members to stand and observe a moment's silence in memory of these deceased members. The *President* also asked those present to alert the *Secretary* to any other deceased members of whom they were aware, either during the course of the General Meeting or afterwards, preferably by e-mail. These deaths would then be announced at the next General Meeting in Pretoria. The deaths of all members recorded in the minutes of the Society would be reported in the April issue of *NTS*.

BM2016/03 Approval of the Minutes of the General Meeting in Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2015

The Minutes had been available on the Society's new website (snts.international) and were summarized for the April issue of *NTS*. These Minutes were approved as circulated and signed by the *President*.

BM2016/04 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no Matters arising.

BM2016/04 Arrangements for the 2016 General Meeting

Secretary Clarke noted that 254 people from 33 different countries were present at the Meeting. He also reported the following changes to the Program:

- The Seminar on the Book of Revelation had been cancelled.
- Seminar 10: Reconsidering Literarkritik of the Pauline Letters and its Impact on their Interpretation: Bronwen Neil's paper had been replaced with: Margaret M. Mitchell (USA), 'Can it Work? (How?) Can Exegetical Studies of 2 Corinthians Talk Across the Partition?'
- Seminar 3 Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie: Michael Labahn's paper would not be delivered
- Seminar 5 Development of Early Christian Ethics, James Brownson (guest) would not be a respondent
- The Short Paper by Emmanuel Nienanya Chinwokwu (Nigeria) would not be delivered
- Professor Gerbern Oegema (Chair of the LOC) welcomed the Society to the City and University.

BM2016/05 Election of President for the 72nd General Meeting in Pretoria, South Africa (2017)

Last year the Committee had nominated Prof. Michael Wolter (Germany) to be the *President* of the Society at the 72nd General Meeting of the Society in Pretoria, South Africa. The Society duly elected him. It was noted that, until the Pretoria General Meeting, Prof. Wolter would serve on the Committee as the *President-Elect*.

BM2016/06 Nomination of *President* for the 73rd General Meeting in Athens, Greece in 2018

It was noted that the Committee wished to nominate Prof. Jean Zumstein (Switzerland) to be *President* of the Society at its 73rd General Meeting in Athens, Greece. Prof. Zumstein was asked to stand up and was acknowledged by the Society. The Society would vote on this nomination at the General Meeting in Pretoria, 2017. As the nominee of the Committee, Prof. Zumstein then became the Presidential Nominee for 2018.

Prof. Udo Schnelle (Past President) was warmly thanked for his services to the Society over the past 4 years.

BM2016/07 Nomination of New Members

The *Assistant Secretary*, Prof. Todd Still, reported that the Committee had approved 18 nominations of new members for consideration. He announced these names (and their countries) and confirmed that this list of names would be displayed on the Conference notice board. Members were asked to pass any comments on these nominations to the *Assistant Secretary* or other Committee members before the Second Committee meeting.

BM2016/08 International Initiatives

The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. Bill Loader, spoke to his circulated report covering the year to June 2016. President Lieu thanked Prof. Loader, and the Liaison Committees, for their work over the previous year.

BM2016/09 Treasurer's Report

The *Treasurer*, Dr Kathy Ehrensperger, addressed her circulated report and the draft of the Financial Statements of the Society Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 2016. Dr Ehrensperger indicated that there had been a pattern of 'over-spending' over the course of the previous five years and that this was a source of concern. The SNTS Committee had recommended an increase of fees to address this income shortfall. President Lieu addressed both the need for and rationale behind this change in the membership fee structure. Prof. Lieu maintained that the increase in fees, while substantial, was fair. Dr Ehrensperger asked those present who were having administrative difficulty paying their annual dues to reach out to her for help and/or to pay at the CUP Exhibition table.

President Lieu thanked Dr Ehrensperger for her work over the past year.

BM2016/10 Any Other Business

President Lieu encouraged the membership to ask itself the question, 'Why would a person want to be a part of SNTS?' Additionally, she asked the Society to consider why there had been a decline in numbers in recent years. What was special about SNTS? Were we living up to our aspirations? She then highlighted four particular issues for consideration/contemplation:

1. It is up to you. Do you think it worth nominating your colleagues for membership? Can you identify people to nominate? Are you able to sponsor/nominate? We want to be an elite society, but want to be elite and inviting, forward-thinking.
2. The gender imbalance. SNTS should be modeling good practice. The percentage of women members and new nominees is likely below that of the discipline in general. Why are women not nominated, not wishing to be nominated, and not attending once in membership? This year there are more women attending than ever before, and a luncheon for women members and academic guests will be held. It is hoped that the luncheon will be one for both networking and strategizing. Of the 103 people convening, presenting, and responding in Seminars, only 16 are women. Of the 13 presenting/responding, only 5 are members. Five of the seminars have no women involved in convening, presenting, or responding. President Lieu invited the Society to reflect on these matters.
3. It might be that Society does not adequately address interests in the discipline.
4. Being a member of the Society is more than attending meetings, paying dues, and getting *NTS* on-line. One of the values of SNTS is strengthening and sponsoring international scholarship. Membership is both an honor and a commitment.

Having concluded her remarks, Prof. Lieu invited those gathered to the reception and dismissed the first business session.

18.00 The Society was welcomed at a Reception in Redpath Hall.

WEDNESDAY 3rd AUGUST, 2016

08.00 Morning Prayers in English (Prof. John Ekem) were held in Birks Heritage Chapel

08.50 Prof. Carl Holladay was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered his Presidential address entitled 'Acts as Kerygma' at a plenary session of the Society in the Auditorium

10.15 A photograph of Conference participants was taken outside the Auditorium

11.15 The first session of the Seminar Groups was held

The Seminar Groups at the General Meeting included the following chairs, themes and papers (papers 'a' were presented at the first session of Seminar Groups; papers 'b' at the second session on Thursday; and papers 'c' at the third session of Friday):

1. Apostolic Fathers, Apologists and the History of Early Christianity (C. Breytenbach, C. Rothschild). Terminates in 2017

- a. James A. Kelhoffer (Sweden), 'Eschatology, Androgynous Thinking, and the Question of Antignosticism in 2 Clement 12' – respondent: Ismo Dunderberg (Finland); b. Patricia Duncan (guest: USA), 'The Portrait of the Christian Philosopher in the Pseudo-Clementine Homilies' – respondent: Giovanni Bazzana (USA); c. Giovanni Bazzana (USA), '2 Clement within the Ancient Clementine Literature: Observations on Scriptural Quotations and Social Thought' – respondent: William Pratscher (Austria)
2. The Greek of the New Testament (J.W. Voelz, J. Peláez, P. Danove). Terminates in 2019
 - a. Michael E. Hayes (guest: USA), "'An Analysis of the Attributive Participle and the Relative Clause in the Greek New Testament' – respondent: David Black (USA); b. Jesús Peláez (Spain), 'The Organization of the Entry 'ἵναμι' in the Greek New Testament Lexicons: a New Proposal' – respondent: Paul Danove (USA); c. James W. Voelz (USA), 'The Greek of the Gospel of John: A Deep Sounding: Features of John's Language in John 1-6 and 18-21'
3. Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie (C. Landmesser, M. Seifrid). Terminates in 2019
 - a. Christof Landmesser (Germany), Review of John Barclay, *Paul & the Gift* (Eerdmans, 2015) – respondent: John Barclay (UK); b. Paul-Gerhard Klumbies (Germany), 'Gnade und Geschenk in den synoptischen Evangelien'; c. Michael Labahn (Germany), 'Ask for "God's Gift" – the "Gift" of Life in Johannine Theology'
4. The Johannine Writings (M. Gruber, Ch. Karakolis). Terminates in 2020
 - a. Anni Hentschel (guest: Germany), 'Sin, Healing and Purification in John (John 5, 9 and 13)' – respondent: Petr Marecek (Czech Republic); b. Jean Zumstein (Switzerland), 'Die vielfältige Interpretation des Brotwunders in Joh 6' – respondent: Susanne Luther (guest: Germany); c. Ismo Dunderberg (Finland), 'John, the Gnostics and the Eucharist'
5. The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Early Christian Contexts (M. Konradt; W. Loader). Terminates in 2020
 - a. Matthias Konradt (Germany), 'Die Entwicklung frühchristlicher Ethik: ein forschungsgeschichtlicher Zugang zur Fragestellung des Seminars' – respondent: Michael Wolter (Germany); b. Judith Gundry (USA), "'Becoming One Flesh" and the Politics of Sexual Reproduction: 1 Corinthians 6-7 in the Light of Biblical/Jewish and Greco-Roman Traditions on Marriage, Sex, Sexual Desire and Procreation' – respondent: Kathy Gaca (guest: USA); c. William Loader (Australia), 'Reading Romans 1 on Homosexuality in the Light of Biblical/Jewish and Greco-Roman Perspectives of its Time' – respondent: James Brownson (guest: USA)
6. The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity (E. Eung-Chun Park, P. Trebilco, G. Yorke). Terminates in 2018
 - a. Delano Palmer (West Indies), 'Messianic Mission in Acts: A Literary Exploration' – respondent: Paul Trebilco (New Zealand); b. Manabu Tsuji (Japan), 'From the Baptism of John to the Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ (Acts 18:24-19:7): Unification of Baptism in Earliest Christianity?'; c. Eugene Eung-Chun Park (USA), 'Dialectic of ἀλήθεια and ἐλευθερία as a theological foundation for Paul's Torah-free mission in Galatians'
7. Hebrews (C.A. Eberhart, W. Kraus). Terminates in 2020
 - a. David Moffitt (guest: UK), 'Diathēke (διαθήκη) in the Septuagint and in Secular Greek Literature / Diathäke (διαθήκη) in der Septuaginta und in der Profangrazität' – respondent: Gert Steyn (South Africa); b. Christian Eberhart (USA), 'Covenant Theology in the New Testament (without Hebrews) / Bundestheologie im Neuen Testament (ohne Hebräerbrief)' – respondent: Gudrun Holtz (Germany); c. Wolfgang Kraus (Germany), 'Covenant Theology in Hebrews / Bundestheologie im Hebräerbrief' – respondent: Christian Grappe (France)
8. Social History and the New Testament (H. Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson). Terminates in 2017
 - a. James R. Harrison (Australia), 'The Polis, Its Gods and the Jews of Asia: Perspectives from Ionia, Lydia and the Lycus Valley' – respondent: Paula Fredriksen

- (Israel); b. John S. Kloppenborg (Canada), 'Associations, Christ groups, and their place in the *Polis*' – respondent: J. Albert Harrill (USA) [this session meets jointly with Seminar 11]; c. Richard Last (guest: Canada), 'The Neighbourhoods (*vici*) of Christ-Believers in Roman Cities and Towns' – respondent: Markus Öhler (Austria)
9. Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament (J. Herzer, G. Oegema). Terminates in 2019
 - a. Alain Gignac (Canada), 'Les contributions québécoises et canadiennes à la recherche sur les manuscrits de la mer Morte'; b. Hermann Lichtenberger (Germany), 'The Biblical Psalter and the Hodayot'; c. Angela Harkins (guest: USA), 'Second Temple Theologies of Mourning: The Hodayot and the New Testament'
 10. Reconsidering *Literarkritik* of the Pauline Letters and its Impact on their Interpretation (E-M. Becker, R. Bieringer). Terminates in 2018
 - a. Bronwen Neil (guest: Australia), 'Papal letters as community documents in the sixth century'; b. Eve-Marie Becker (Denmark), 'Überlegungen zur literarischen Einheitlichkeit des Philipperbriefs'; c. Reimund Bieringer (Belgium), 'In Search of the Unity of the So-Called Letter of Reconciliation: an Analysis of 2 Cor 1:1-2:13; 7:5-16; 13:11-13'
 11. Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament (P. Arzt-Grabner, J.S. Kloppenborg). Terminates in 2018
 - a. Richard Ascough (Canada), 'Desirable Death: Burial and Memorial in Associations and Paul's "dying as gain" (Phil 1:20-26)' – respondent: Daniel Smith (Canada); b. John S. Kloppenborg (Canada), 'Associations, Christ groups, and their place in the *Polis*' – respondent: J. Albert Harrill (USA) [this session meets jointly with Seminar 8]; c. Adriana Destro (guest: Italy) & Mauro Pesce (Italy), 'Some aspects of the social physiognomy of the τέκτρονες' – respondent: Clare Rothschild (USA)
 12. Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches (W. Campbell, J. Gundry). Terminates in 2016
 - a. Terence Donaldson (Canada), 'Abraham's Seed, Natural Law in a Pessimistic Tenor, and Paul's ἔθνη-in-Christ'; b. Paula Fredriksen (Israel), 'Christ and the Kingdom: The Son of David in Pauline Eschatology'; c. Matthew Thiessen (guest: USA), 'Paul, the Animal Apocalypse and Abraham's Gentile Seed'
 13. New Testament Textual Criticism (C. Clivaz, U. Schmid, T. Wasserman). Terminates in 2018
 - a. Hugh Houghton (UK), 'Early Commentaries as Sources for the New Testament Text: Reflections on Theory and Practice' – respondent: David Trobisch (Germany); b. Amy Donaldson (guest: USA), 'Explicit References to Variant Readings among the Church Fathers and Their Application to Modern Textual Criticism' – respondent: John Cook (USA); c. Michael Holmes (USA), 'Early Writers and the Early Text(s) of the New Testament' – respondent: Tommy Wasserman (Sweden)
 14. Memory, Narrative, and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels (S. Byrskog, J. Schröter, S. Hultgren). Terminates in 2018
 - a. David Moessner (USA), 'Papias's "Living Voice": "Bedrock" or "Slippery Slope" for Synoptic Tradition?'; b. Arie Zwiep (Netherlands), 'Orality and Memory in the Story of Jairus and the Haemorrhaging Woman (Mark 5:21-43 parr.): an Attempt (Not) to Go behind What is Written'; c. Sandra Hüenthal (Germany), 'Another Jesus Remembered: Reading Luke's Narration through a Memory-Theory-Lens'
 - 14.15 A Main Paper was given in the Auditorium by Prof. Guy Bonneau (Canada), 'Images et émotions: La réception des textes néotestamentaires dans les tableaux du Caravage'
 - 16.15 *Quaestiones Disputatae* were presented in the Auditorium – 'Marcion's Gospel and the New Testament: Catalyst or Consequence?'; Prof. Carl Holladay (President and Chair); panelists: Profs Matthias Klinghardt (Germany); Jason BeDuhn (USA); Judith Lieu (UK)
 - 18.00 Participants were invited to a 'Cabane à Sucre' dinner in Vieux-Montréal at the Auberge St Gabriel, with folk music accompaniment

THURSDAY 4th AUGUST, 2016

08.00 Morning Prayers en français (Rev. Prof. Patricia Kirkpatrick) were held in Burks Heritage Chapel

09.00 A Main Paper was given in the Auditorium by Prof. Paula Fredriksen (Israel), 'How Jewish is God? Theology and Ethnicity in Ancient Christianity'

11.15 The second session of Seminar Groups was held

14.15 A Main Paper was given in the Auditorium by Dr Risto Uro (Finland), 'Cognitive Science in the Study of Early Christianity: How it is helpful, and why?'

16.30 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- Michael Winger (USA), 'Why did the Evangelists make up Stories?'
- György Benyik (Hungary), 'Love your enemy and hate your neighbour (Matthew 5:43)'
- Adele Reinhartz (Canada), 'The Lyin' King? Duplicity and Christology in the Gospel of John'
- Charles H. Cosgrove (USA), 'Did Lamenting Women Compose the Earliest Passion Story? Form and Content of Greek Ritual Laments in the Roman Era'
- John Cook (USA), 'Resurrection in Paganism and Bousset on an Empty Tomb in 1 Corinthians 15:4'
- Runar M. Thorsteinsson (Iceland), 'Pan(en)theism in Paul?'

18.00 Participants enjoyed dinner at the SSMU Student Building and a musical recital, at the Church of St Andrew and St Paul, by Jonathan Oldengarm (Organ) and members of the Church choir

FRIDAY 5th AUGUST, 2016

08.00 Morning Prayers auf Deutsch (Prof. Roger Aus) were held in Burks Heritage Chapel

09.00 A Main Paper was given in the Auditorium by Prof. Jens Herzer (Germany), 'Zwischen Mythos und Wahrheit. Neue Perspektiven auf die Pastoralbriefe'

11.15 The third session of Seminar Groups was held

14.15 Five Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- Niclas Förster (Germany), 'Jesus der Täufer und die Reinwaschung der Jünger'
- Jennifer Glancy (USA), 'Domestic vs. conjugal sexual ethics: implications for understanding Jesus' teachings on adultery in the Gospel of Matthew'
- Paul N. Anderson (USA), 'John 6: the Grand Central Station of Johannine Critical Issues'
- Eldon Jay Epp (USA), 'Text-Critical Witnesses and Methodology for Isolating a Distinctive D-Text in Acts'
- Roger Aus (Germany), 'Baptism in 1 Corinthians 10:2, and Washing in Judaic Tradition on Ezekiel 16:9'

16.15 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- Santiago Guijarro (Spain), 'Recent Archaeological Excavations at Magdala and the Galilee of Jesus'
- Carey Newman (USA), 'Narrative Apocalyptic in Ephesians'
- Larry Welborn (USA), 'Paul's Place in a First-Century Revival of the Discourse of "Equality"'
- Robert Brawley (USA), 'Pharisees in the Narrative World of Luke-Acts'
- Florian Wilk (Germany), 'Zitat und Anspielung: Sinn und Zweck der Kombination verschiedenartiger Schriftbezüge im 1. Korintherbrief'
- A. Andrew Das (USA), 'Imperial Cult Pressure on the Early Christian Movement: Myth and Reality Relative to Paul's Letter to the Galatians'

17:15 BUSINESS MEETING II

The *President*, Prof. Carl Holladay, was in the chair, and about 180 participants were present in the Auditorium.

President Holladay called the meeting to order

BM2016/11 Nomination and Election of New Committee Members

It was noted that Profs Andreas Dettwiler and Christos Karakolis were due to retire from the Committee at the conclusion of the General Meeting. They were thanked for their contributions to the Society over the previous 3 years.

The Committee had nominated Profs Uta Poplutz (Germany) and Risto Uro (Finland) to take their place for the period 2016-19. The membership was asked to show its approval by applause.

BM2016/12 Announcement of New Members

Prof. Todd Still (*Assistant Secretary*) announced the names of those scholars whose nominations had been approved by the Committee and published on the noticeboard for comment by members during the course of the General Meeting and confirmed that, according to the Constitution, their membership was now approved

Prof. Still was thanked for all his work over the past year.

BM2016/13 Editors' Reports

Prof. Francis Watson (*Secretary to the Board and Journal Editor*) presented a report to the Society. The following are highlights of the same:

- The figures for the receipt and acceptance of submissions from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 are as follows (2014-15/2013-14 figures in brackets):

Total Submissions:	118	(135/107)
Total so far reviewed:	99	
Accepted for Publication:	19	(30/23)
Acceptance Rate:	19%	(27%/25.2%)
- Language/gender figures for articles published or scheduled for publication in *NTS* 61.4-63.1 (Oct 2015-Jan 2017; figures for previous six issues in brackets):

English articles:	50	(35)
German articles:	5	(11)
French articles:	3	(5)
Female authors:	7	(17)
- The 118 submissions received from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 originated in 21 different countries, including 52 from the USA, 15 from the UK, 8 from France, 7 from Germany, 7 from Australia, 6 from Canada, 4 from S. Korea. Submissions were also received from China, Israel, Serbia, and Pakistan.
- Submissions accepted for publication originated in Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, Latvia, the Netherlands, the UK, and the USA.
- The number of papers submitted had held up well, but only 19 papers had been accepted for publication (30 in the previous year) and the acceptance rate had fallen from 27% to 19%. While future issues of the journal up to April 2017 were complete and there was no shortage of high quality material, it would be good to receive more submissions from established scholars such as the membership of SNTS. With the exception of SNTS main papers, it was relatively unusual to receive submissions from better-known scholars. It may be that younger scholars tended to submit their work to peer-reviewed journals, while established scholars were more likely to publish in conference proceedings and *Festschriften*. An article in a journal such as *NTS* with a strong online presence would be far more widely accessible than one that appears in an expensive published volume.
- Figures for accepted articles in French and German were also down on the previous year, as are articles by women scholars. While this was disappointing, the general trend over recent years had been more positive and it was to be hoped that this year's figures were an aberration in this respect.

- The following members of the Board had reached the end of their term of office at the end of 2016: Profs Bert Harrill, David Horrell, Antti Marjanen, Heike Omerzu, Tommy Wasserman, and Florian Wilk. Invitations to join the Board from 1 January 2017 had been accepted by Peter Arzt-Grabner (Salzburg), Helen Bond (Edinburgh), Hugh Houghton (Birmingham), James Kelhoffer (Uppsala), Candida Moss (Notre Dame), and Joseph Verheyden (Leuven).

The Society approved the recommendations of the new Editorial Board members and thanked Martine Walsh for her service to the Society, especially as she was leaving the Press at the end of August 2016.

Prof. Paul Trebilco (*General Editor of the Monograph Series*) spoke to a circulated report.

Editor of the Monograph Series: Prof. Paul Trebilco was due to retire as *Editor of the Monograph Series* on 31st December, 2017. Article C.2 of the Constitution states: 'The [Editorial] Board shall nominate, and the Society in General Meeting shall appoint, an Editor of the journal (who shall be Secretary of the Board) and an Editor of the Society's Monograph Series'

It was noted that the Editorial Board had nominated Prof. Edward Adams (UK) to serve as *Editor of the Monograph Series*.

President Holladay thanked Profs Watson and Trebilco for their work over the past year/s.

BM2016/16 Future General Meetings

The following dates and venues were noted:

- 2017 in Pretoria, South Africa; 2018 in Athens, Greece; 2019 in Marburg, Germany

Prof. Andrew Clarke, Secretary, made a presentation on behalf of Prof. Gert Steyn inviting Members to the Pretoria General Meeting in 2017.

Members were encouraged to consider hosting the General Meeting in 2020 or 2021. This was presented as an excellent opportunity to showcase a University's international profile. Informal enquiries could be made to the *Secretary*, who would outline what is required.

BM2016/17 Programme of the 72nd General Meeting in Pretoria, South Africa in 2017

The *Secretary* reported the following:

- a. Presidential Address and Invited Main Papers
The presidential address would be given by Prof. Michael Wolter. Main papers would be presented by Profs Clare Rothschild (English); Josef Verheyden (English); Matthias Konradt (German); Jean-Claude Loba Mkola (French)
- b. 14 Ongoing Seminars (potential maximum of 18)
 1. Apostolic Fathers, Apologists and the History of Early Christianity (C. Breytenbach, C. Rothschild) – terminates in 2017
 2. The Greek of the New Testament (J.W. Voelz, J. Peláez, P. Danove) – terminates in 2019
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13. Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels (S. Byrskog, J. Schröter, S. Hultgren) – terminates in 2018
 14. The Book of Revelation (D. Aune, D. Hellholm, Th. Witulski) – terminates in 2017
- c. Seminars scheduled to terminate in 2016 that had applied for a continuation
 - Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches (W.S. Campbell, J. Gundry) – for a period of 5 years
 - d. Minimum numbers and Capping of delegate numbers

The *Secretary* announced a normal minimum number of registered delegates (5) for a Seminar to take place

BM2016/18 Any Further Business

- The *Past President* (Prof. Judith Lieu) offered a positive report on the Lunch for Women Members, which will take place again next year.
- The *President* expressed thanks to the *Past President* for her service
- The *President* expressed thanks to all of the presenters, responders, and conveners, and also expressed appreciation on behalf of the Society to the Committee and the Officers of the Society.
- The *President* expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to the Local Organising Committee, the stewards, and volunteers for a very successful General Meeting.
- The *President* then declared the 71st General Meeting of the Society formally concluded.

18.30 Participants attended a Closing Banquet at the Delta Hotel, with accompanying music and dancing

SATURDAY 6th AUGUST, 2016

There were optional excursions to Quebec City, Mont-Tremblant, Ottawa, and La Malbaie.