

European Association for the Study of Religion (EASR)

General Assembly, 19 August 2010 University of Toronto (IAHR World Congress)

Agenda

1. Adoption of final agenda
2. Reports by the President and the General Secretary
3. Treasurers report
4. Proposals
5. Any other business

Minutes

The Assembly was chaired by Professor Maya Burger, President of the EASR.

Adoption of final agenda

It was accepted that notice of the General Assembly had been given according to the Constitution of the EASR.ⁱ Notice of the General Assembly was given by electronic mail on 1 June 2010. The Assembly was deemed to be quorate according to the Constitution, with thirty-two members present fourteen of whom were committee members.ⁱⁱ The published agenda was adopted. The General Secretary had been sent no additional items for inclusion by the due date.

2. Reports by the President and the General Secretary

The President gave a report in which she warmly thanked the EASR committee for its hard work during the previous year, especially outgoing members who would not be returning as members of the new committee in 2011 (Kim Knott, Mar Marcos, Veikko Anttonen, Hubert Seiwert). Her report is available on the EASR website, www.easr.eu.

The General Secretary gave a report of the activities of the Association and the work of the Executive Committee in 2009-10, including reporting on the minutes of its meeting of 16 August 2009, particularly the election of new officers for the triennium 2011-13 (see General Secretary's report for details). Details of venues of future EASR conferences (2011-14) were also given.

Her report is available on the EASR website.

The President's and General Secretary's reports were approved.

3. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the annual financial overview and report of subscriptions by member associations. The accounts show a positive balance of €7,380.33, down from a high of more than €10,000 the previous year as a result of planned expenditure on the new EASR website (See General Assembly minutes 2009). Given

the depletion of our funds, the reduced sum of €1,800 was earmarked for up to six bursaries in 2011, along with a 2011 conference levy (introduced in 2009 to support the expenses of EASR officers) of €2 for each standard participant and €1 for each student.

He reminded members of the importance of timely payment of annual subscriptions, the exclusion of non-paying associations and individual members, and the funding of this year's conference bursaries.

The Treasurer's report and the requests for bursary and levy funding were agreed by the General Assembly.

4. Proposals

The General Secretary presented a proposal from the British Association for the Study of Religions to host the EASR conference in 2013 which was accepted.

4. Any other business

The next EASR conference, on 'New movements in religions', will be hosted by the Hungarian Association for the Academic Study of Religion in Budapest, 18-22 September 2011, with the 2012 conference in Stockholm, Sweden, 23-26 August.

The General Assembly was then closed.

(Kim Knott, EASR General Secretary)

ⁱ EASR Constitution, Article 5, iv, "Notice of a meeting of the General Assembly shall be given by the general secretary. When notice is given not less than 90 days in advance of the General Assembly a widely available form of communication such as a printed bulletin or an electronic medium is sufficient. If the period of notice is shorter, notice must be sent to all members individually in writing. The minimum period of notice is 30 days by postmark. Non-receipt of notice by one or more members shall not invalidate the decisions of the meeting."

ⁱⁱ The EASR Constitution states that "the minimum number of members required for a meeting of the General Assembly (quorum) shall be twenty, of whom at least seven shall be members of the current committee" (Article 5, vi). Participation and voting rights depend on valid current membership, i.e. payment of the membership fee no later than May 31 2010 if no special arrangements have been made with the treasurer or the committee.