

**ASR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, 17 August 2011**  
**Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada**

The meeting was called to order by President Peter Beyer at approximately 6:15 p.m.

President Beyer circulated a written report and spoke briefly about the past year and about the coming meeting, and made committee appointments for the following triennium. In particular he noted the development of a more user-friendly Web site for the Association's members as well as for attracting potential new members, with the future expectation that it will also serve as a medium for both direct dues payment and meeting registration on line.

Bill Swatos presented the minutes of the 2011 Council meetings, which were adopted as presented.

Bill then presented his Executive Officer's report, including financial reports both with respect to current cash flow and investments. The cash flow report showed final 2010 income as being \$116,362 and liabilities as \$95,279. End of second-quarter 2011 assets were \$78,994 and liabilities were \$39,408. Second-quarter 2011 investment assets totaled \$438,330.78. Bill also noted that his current term as Executive Officer expired at the end of 2012 and that he would not seek or accept another term.

Michael Wilkinson presented the 2011 Program report. There are 33 sessions of various types on the program this year. The change of both timing and venue for the meeting seemed to be a major concern in this respect, though it was also remarked that some people came to the meeting specifically because they had never been to Las Vegas and valued the opportunity.

Election results were presented by Past President Rhys Williams: Roger Finke was elected 2012 President, and Amy Adamczyk, Jerome Baggett and Kelly Chong were elected to 3-year Council terms.

Committee Reports: A Membership Committee report was submitted in absentia by Margarita Mooney. Afe Adogame presented an International Liaison report. Rachel Kraus announced that the winner of the McNamara Competition was Samuel Stroope of Baylor University and that he would be present at the meeting to present his paper, "Education and Religion: Individual, Congregational and Cross-Level Interaction Effects on Biblical Literalism." Barbara Denison reported that eight Fichter Grants had been extended to Sabrina Danielson (\$2,000), Katherine Castiello Jones (\$4,100), Steve McMullin (\$2,400), Kelsey Burke (\$1,100), Stuart Wright (\$4,000), Ana Lourdes Suarez (\$5,300), Naghme Naseri (\$2,700), and Rachel Kraus (\$2,000). Michael Wilkinson announced the time of the Finance Committee meeting. Melissa Wilde was not present at Publications Chair, but *SoR* editor Scott Schieman and RSO series editor Bill Swatos each gave brief, encouraging reports. Two RSO volumes, one edited by Barbara Denison and the other by Tony Blasi will be released at this meeting, with a third released at RRA/SSSR.

There was discussion about whether our meeting plan and attendance problems should not be given additional consideration. Specific action was deferred to the second meeting of Council.

Bill Swatos encouraged Council members to remember the General Business meeting on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> and to attend especially if they have a committee responsibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Swatos, Jr.  
Executive Officer

**ASR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday, 20 August 2011**  
**Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada**

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Finke at 3:15 p.m. He announced Committee Chair appointments as follows: Fichter Grant: Barbara Denison; Finance: Michael Wilkinson; International: Prema Kurien; McNamara Award: Rachel Kraus; Membership: Kevin Dougherty; Publications: Lori G. Beaman.

The 2012 Budget submitted by Bill Swatos and approved by the Finance Committee and carried. Bill appointed Peter Kivisto to continue as Assistant Treasurer.

There was considerable discussion about the structuring of the annual meeting program, leading to a motion to alter our current three-day meeting package to a two-day meeting always to take place the two days before the ASA Religion Section's section day in the four-day ASA meeting calendar. The motion was put that we would adopt this plan beginning in 2012 if the hotel would cooperate by adjusting the days we have reserved to accommodate the change; otherwise the change would be implemented in 2013. Seconded and carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Wm. H. Swatos, Jr.  
Executive Officer

**ASR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday, 20 August 2011**  
**Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada**

The meeting was called to order by President Peter Beyer at 7:20 a.m.

Minutes of the 2010 Business Meeting were presented by Bill Swatos. Adoption was moved, seconded and passed.

President Beyer and Committee chairs presented summary reports of their activities through the year and announced winners/awardees of various competitions.

Bill Swatos discussed finances and budgets, as well as his intention not to seek a fifth term as Executive Officer when his current term expires at the end of 2012.

Several comments were made and questions raised about alternative meeting arrangements, to be further referred to appropriate committees.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Beyer introduced President-elect Finke, who was applauded and then asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made, seconded and carried at approximately 8:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Swatos, Jr.  
Executive Officer