**Minutes of the Members’ Meeting of**

**The Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality**

Saturday, November 23, 2013, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

 Marriott Inner Harbor, University Ballroom 1-2

Baltimore, Maryland

**Please send corrections to Anita Houck at** **ahouck@saintmarys.edu****.**

The meeting came to order at 10:32 a.m.

1. Outgoing President Joseph Driskill introduced new President Bernard McGinn.
2. Approval of Minutes: Anita Houck, Secretary/Treasurer, asked for approval of the 2012 Members’ and Board of Directors’ meetings. Michael O’Sullivan offered a correction to section 9c of the Members’ Meeting minutes. Pending revision to include that amendment and any others to be sent in by members, the membership approved the minutes.
3. Constitutional amendments: Bernard McGinn introduced the seven amendments to be discussed and voted on, noted on the attached version of the Constitution.
	1. Proposed change #1: Joe Driskill explained that the proposal to add the Liaison Member position arose to enhance communication between the Editorial Board and the Board of Directors. Such communication became especially important as the Society sought and gained incorporation under Illinois law. The SSCS President sits on the Editorial Board for only one year, allowing little continuity as the Boards worked together. Working with Editor Douglas Christie and the Editorial Board, a small committee suggested having one person attend both meetings over a longer period of time, becoming conversant with the relevant documents and facilitating collegial, cooperative work between the Boards. The committee proposed a five-year term so that the Liaison Member (1) could get to know both Boards fairly well; since both Boards meet face to face only once a year, it takes some time to learn how each Board functions; (2) would be able to act like a parliamentarian very familiar with what our documents (By-laws, Constitution, Policy Manual, agreements with Johns Hopkins University Press) require and suggest; and (3) will not rotate off the Boards during reviews or transitions of the journal’s Editor, who serves a non-coterminous five-year term. The Liaison Member’s five-year term is nonrenewable to avoid allowing someone to become ensconced in the position. Bernie invited a motion to vote, which was offered and seconded; the motion carried with none opposed.
	2. Language on nominations: Bernie explained that the amendment addresses situations in which (1) worthy long-time members have neglected to renew or (2) persons who are active in the field, but not yet members, are nominated for leadership positions and could be encouraged to join the Society. While members are free to nominate non-members for office, the Nominations Committee would assure that anyone who isn’t a current member couldn’t stand for election. Janet Ruffing noted that the new wording may add clarity, but it is already established practice for the Vice President/Chair of the Nominations Committee to confirm that only members are presented for election in the members’ meeting; Vice Presidents have been more or less active in discussing membership with non-members who are nominated. The question arose of how much Vice Presidents might use this practice as a recruitment tool. Sandra Schneiders suggested the phrasing “conditional on their becoming members.” Bernie noted that the proposed language may already address the concerns raised, since it allows that members may be nominated but cannot “serve” without being active members. The Board will review the language and make needed changes. Bernie invited a motion to vote, which was offered and seconded; the motion carried with none opposed.
	3. Language on diversity: The proposal simplifies the wording, as is appropriate for a Constitution; other documents will add detail about diversity (e.g., gender, geographical, denominational). The motion carried with none opposed.
	4. *Ex officio* directors: The proposal specifies a simplified process for the rare cases in which an *ex officio* director resigns or is removed from office. The Board will consider how to integrate the suggestion that the Constitution specify that new permanent Editors will be nominated by the Board of Directors, with the input of the Editorial Board and Nominations Committee, and elected at the annual Members’ Meeting. The motion carried with none opposed.
	5. Requirement for Nominations Committee: A concern was raised that the change might make it possible for someone to be elected to the Committee without interacting with other members. It would be the responsibility of the Nominations Committee and Board of Directors to assure that those elected to the Committee have adequate knowledge of Society members. The motion carried with none opposed.
	6. Added history: Since those in the field of spirituality always appreciate historical grounding, the motion carried with none opposed.
	7. Final wording changes: The final motion, approving the proposed cosmetic changes in organization and wording, carried with none opposed.
	8. Policies Manual: The Executive Committee has proposed many changes to the Manual, which is a document internal to the Board. It will be posted after the Board meets and discusses the changes.
4. Report of the Editor of *Spiritus*: Douglas Christie, Editor, thanked Book Review Editor Lisa Hess and Poetry Editor Mark S. Burrows, as well as the Managing Editor, reviewers of articles, and contributors of book reviews. He particularly thanked Lisa for the joint review in the current issue, showing the ongoing effort to do our work in thoughtful, creative way. Lisa offered a list of books available to review and invited suggestions of others. Doug noted that Johns Hopkins University Press undertook a successful promotions campaign, and he encouraged the Society to think further about the ongoing work of promotions. Acknowledging that his term ends in two years, he expressed his gratitude for the trust placed in him and his sense that it’s time for a new Editor to shape the journal. Bernie noted that there will be future occasions to thank Doug but also invited the members to express their gratitude, which they did with abundant applause.
5. Report of the Nominations Committee.
	1. As outgoing Chair of the Nominations Committee, Bernie invited the membership to affirm the Committee’s slate of candidates:
		1. For Vice President/President-elect: Lisa Dahill (2013-2014)
		2. To serve three-year at-large terms on the Board of Directors:
			1. Barbara Quinn, *in absentia* (2013-2016)
			2. Glen Scorgie (2013-2016)
		3. To serve a three-year term on the Nominations Committee: Tom McElligott (2013-2016)
		4. To serve a three-year term as Co-Chair of the Christian Spirituality Group of the AAR: Glenn Young (calendar 2014-2017)
		5. To serve a five-year term as Liaison Member: Steven Chase (2013-2018)
	2. The slate was approved by applause.
	3. Bernie thanked Joe Driskill, completing his term as President and assuming the position of Past President; Ann Astell, completing her term as Past President; John Swinton and Bo Karen Lee, completing their terms as at-large Directors; and Mary Rose Bumpus, completing her term on the Nominations Committee. (Continuing at-large Directors are Ralph Keen and Elisabeth Koenig [2011-2014] and Pieter de Villiers and Renata Furst [2012-2015]; Evan Howard [2012-2015] continues on the Nominations Committee; Timothy Robinson continues as Co-Chair of the AAR Christian Spirituality Group [calendar 2012-2015].)
6. Report of the Secretary/Treasurer: Anita reviewed the fiscal 2013 financial report. The 2012 report reflected the strain of increased costs for AAR programming, but this year’s report is much more positive. She expressed gratitude for those whose efforts have restored our financial security: Society members, who approved a dues increase; Ann Astell, Ralph Keen, and the Lumen Christi Institute, for an anniversary celebration that would have been impossible without their tremendous generosity; Janet Ruffing, Ann, and attorney John Schaff for securing 501(c)3 status for the Society and allowing donations to the Society--which have already contributed greatly to our programming--to be tax-deductible as of 2/11/13; and Johns Hopkins University Press, whose promotions campaign garnered an above-average 1.4% response, recruting 72 new members. Anita invited members to distribute copies of JHUP’s brochure, which assures our position as the only scholarly society represented by an image of a cassocked man catching a flying disc.
7. Report of the Christian Spirituality Group: Lisa Dahill and Timothy Robinson, Co-chairs, announced that the Group has organized three sessions noted on the agenda--*The Ethnographic Lens and New Approaches to the Study of Christian Spirituality* (A23-317); *Encountering the Wild* (A24-324); and, with the Korean Religions Group, *Protestant Spirituality in Korea: Hybridized Thoughts, Practices, and Communities* (A25-319)--as well as a fourth session, part of a new AAR policy allowing an extra session for collaborations among three or more program units (Bonhoeffer; Theology and Social Analysis; Religion and Humanism; and Science, Technology, and Religion): *Bonhoeffer, Eschatology, and Neuroscience: A Conversation with John de Gruchy about His Book* Led into Mystery(A24-121).
8. Discussion of possible topics for the 2014 meeting in San Diego: Tim thanked Lisa, who steps down in order to take the position of Vice President/President-elect. He explained that the Co-chairs’ process for deciding on topics includes soliciting suggestions at the Members’ Meeting and the Group’s business meeting (this year, after the Saturday-afternoon session), discussing possibilities at the Board meeting, and then narrowing the possibilities to four or five topics to be listed in the call for papers. He highlighted the importance of member suggestions: both of this year’s Friday sessions came out of ideas proposed at last year’s Members’ Meeting. Suggestions included the following:
	1. Joint session with Contemplative Studies
	2. Spirituality of aging; end of life; medical technology and end of life; medical ethics
	3. Re Joe’s address, mental health and spirituality (mentioned twice)
	4. Moving beyond mindfulness to mystagogy
	5. Spirituality of mourning the death of a loved one
	6. A collaboration with Pentecostal Studies on the *Cambridge Companion to Pentecostalism* coming out next year
	7. Spirituality and film
	8. Spirituality and urbanization
	9. Lisa noted that the AAR is encouraging all units to give consideration to climate change.
9. Report of the Promotions Committee: Jonas Barciauskas, Chair and Web Editor, reported on projects from last year:
	1. Increasing communication with Emerging Scholars: ES Coordinator Beringia Zen is participating in the Committee as liaison. The JHUP member database now includes a status category that can identify potential members of the ES; this information is passed on to Beringia.
	2. Starting a Society blog: Twenty-five posts have been submitted since May; members are invited to sign up and increase the blog’s presence. The blog can include syllabi, articles, and papers presented at conferences, including abstracts and tags
	3. Outreach: 150 email brochures were sent out to directors and chairs of U.S. and international programs, with the help of Ann Astell’s grad students. Jonas invited members to send information on any additional programs; the email will become an annual spring recruitment effort.
	4. Website: The Board will discuss a website refresh at Sunday’s meeting.
10. Report of the Emerging Scholars Group (Beringia Zen, Coordinator): The group will be meeting for lunch after the Members’ Meeting, joined by Lisa Hess and Lisa Dahill. The group would like to have more formal meetings, as well as continuing to engage emerging scholars informally. More assistance with the group is needed, perhaps especially pre-tenure faculty who would help lead. Beringia has sent out emails to forty-two student and pre-tenure members, letting them know about the group and inviting them to be involved in the group. The group had tried a Ning site for social networking; Facebook has been active after meetings but not consistently.
11. Report of items under consideration by the Board of Directors: Bernie mentioned that the Board would be discussing Society documents, future meetings of the Society, and internationalization efforts (those interested should contact Bernie at bmcginn@uchicago.edu).
12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Attendance at the meeting was 68.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Houck, Secretary/Treasurer

**Proposed amendments to the SSCS Constitution, November 2013**

This year, the SSCS Executive Committee (President Joe Driskill, Vice-President/President Elect Bernie McGinn, and Secretary/Treasurer Anita Houck) reviewed our documents (By-laws, Constitution, and Policy Manual) in light of the decision by the Board of Directors to add the position of Liaison Member to the SSCS Board of Directors. In reviewing all our documents to incorporate this change, the Executive Committee noticed other places where the Constitution could be clarified or made more consonant with Society practice. As we noted those changes, we also tried to organize the document more coherently, adding outline numbering and rewording some phrases for clarity.

Changes are printed in grey; substantive changes are underlined; proposed amendments are enclosed in boxes. Explanations are enclosed in brackets.

While the Board votes on changes to our By-laws, changes to our Constitution must be approved by two-thirds of the members attending our annual meeting. The changes to be voted on are as follows:

#1. Adding the Liaison Member position to the Board

#2. Allowing non-members to be nominated to (not elected to) the SSCS Board

#3. Broadening language on diversity, specifically in discerning candidates for election

#4. Establishing processes for replacing *ex officio* Directors (the Editor, Liaison Member, and Co-Chairs of the AAR Christian Spirituality Group) who resign or are removed from office

#5. Removing the requirement that nominees to the Nominations Committee be regular attendees at the annual members’ meeting at the AAR

#6. Adding a paragraph explaining the history of the document

#7. Overall editing to improve organization and wording

**CONSTITUTION**

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

1. Name: Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
2. Purpose: To foster study and scholarly exchange in the field of Christian spirituality
3. Membership: The Society welcomes to membership all persons who express their interest in the Society’s work and support the Society by subscribing to the Society’s journal, *Spiritus*.
4. Board of Directors
	1. Composition: The Board of Directors Board normally consists of four officers, six at-large Directors, and four *ex officio* members.
		1. The officers include the Vice President/President-Elect, elected by the membership to a one-year term followed by a one-year term as President and a one-year term as Past President; the President; the Past President; and the Secretary-Treasurer, elected by the membership to a three-year term renewable indefinitely.
		2. The six At-Large Directors are elected by the membership to serve staggered three-year terms.

**PROPOSED CHANGE #1: Adding the Liaison Member position to the Board**

* + 1. The *ex officio* members include the Editor of the journal *Spiritus*, appointed by the Board to a five-year term renewable indefinitely; the two Co-chairs of the AAR Christian Spirituality Group, appointed by the Board to staggered three-year terms, renewable once; and the Liaison Member, elected by the membership to a nonrenewable five-year term on the Board of Directors. The Liaison Member serves a concurrent term on the Editorial Board of *Spiritus*. [This passage adds a new position to the Board, in order to enhance communication between the SSCS Board of Directors and the Editorial Board of *Spiritus*. The Directors have already approved the addition of this position to our corporate By-laws.]
	1. Duties: To plan for meetings of the Society, propose to the membership ways to foster the study of spirituality, carry out directives of the membership, participate in activities of the Society as requested by the officers of the Society, oversee the financial affairs of the Society, and assume the responsibilities of the Board of Directors for the SSCS corporation

**PROPOSED CHANGE #2: Allowing non-members to be nominated to the SSCS Board**

Only current members of the Society may serve on the Board of Directors. [This line originally read, “Only current members of the Society may be nominated to the Board of Directors.” The new wording allows members to nominate those who are not currently members; the Nominations Committee may then contact nominees about their membership status.]

* 1. Executive Committee of the Board of Directors: The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President/President-Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer, with the President acting as chair. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibilities listed in the By-Laws of the Society, consisting primarily of overseeing the day-to-day business and affairs of the Society.
1. Elections: Elections follow the guidelines delineated in the Policies and Procedures Manual. For all elections, the Nominations Committee moves the election of the candidates at the Annual Members’ Meeting, and the members present constitute a quorum to ratify (or reject) the election.
	1. Election of the Vice President/President-Elect: The Vice President/President-Elect shall be nominated by the Board of Directors from among its present or past elected or *ex officio* members.

**PROPOSED CHANGE #3: Broadening language on diversity**

The Board will make every effort to honor diversity in nominating candidates. [Previous wording: “The Board will make every effort to rotate the Presidency between women and men, members of different denominations, etc.” Here, language was left intentionally broad in order to avoid excluding any areas of consideration. The Board will continue to discuss wording in the Policy Manual; member input is welcome.] The Chair of the Nominations Committee ascertains the willingness of the person to serve as Vice-President/President-Elect, as President the following year, and as Past President in the third year.

* 1. Election of the Secretary/Treasurer and At-Large Members of the Board of Directors: The Nominations Committee using nominations from the membership and the input of the Board of Directors, formulates a slate of candidates for these positions and ascertains before the Annual Meeting that the nominees are willing to serve for a three-year term.
	2. Selection of *Ex officio* Directors
		1. Editor of *Spiritus*: The Editor shall be selected when necessary by the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Nominations Committee and the Editorial Board of *Spiritus*.
		2. Liaison Member: The Nominations Committee, using nominations from the membership, formulates a slate of candidates for this position. The Liaison Member is then selected with input from the Board of Directors and the Editor.
		3. Co-chairs of the AAR Christian Spirituality Group: These two persons shall be selected when necessary by the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Nominations Committee, following the rotation established by the AAR guidelines, which specify that no one may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms in this position. These persons shall be recommended to the Society at the Annual meeting to be nominated to the AAR.
1. Resignation, Removal and Replacement of Directors: Directors, including officers, may resign at any time by written notice delivered to the Board of Directors. Directors, including officers, may be removed with cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of directors at a meeting of the Board.
	1. Officers: If a Past President resigns or is removed, the position will remain vacant. If a President resigns or is removed, the Vice President will replace the President, serving the remainder of that term. If six months or less remain in the term, the Vice President will serve a full term subsequent to completing the term of the predecessor. If more than six months remain in the term, a new President will be nominated and elected at the next Annual Members Meeting. If the Vice President resigns or is removed, the Board will appoint an at-large director in the third year of service to serve the remainder of the Vice President’s term. The appointed replacement shall not serve as President unless elected in accordance with section 5.9(a) of the By-Laws. If the Secretary/Treasurer resigns or is removed, the Board will appoint a replacement to serve until the next Annual Members Meeting, at which time a new Secretary/Treasurer will be elected in accordance with section 5.6(b) of the By-Laws. The interim Secretary/Treasurer may stand for election for a full term.
	2. At-Large Directors: If an at-large director is elected an officer, resigns, or is removed, a replacement at-large director will be elected to serve the remainder of the director’s term, following the normal process, at the next Annual Members Meeting. Depending on the length of time remaining in the term, the Board will decide whether the director may then stand for election to a full term.

**PROPOSED CHANGE #4: Establishing processes for replacing *ex officio* Directors (the Editor, Liaison Member, and Co-Chairs of the AAR Christian Spirituality Group) who resign or are removed from office**

* 1. *Ex officio* Directors: If the Editor resigns or is removed, the Board, in consultation with the Editorial Board, will appoint an interim Editor. As soon as possible, a new Editor will be elected by the membership. The Board and Editor will decide whether the interim Editor may stand for election for a full term. If the Liaison Member resigns or is removed, the Board, in consultation with the Editor, will decide whether an interim Liaison Member should be appointed or whether a new Liaison Member should be elected at the next Members Meeting. If an interim Liaison Member is to be appointed, the Nominations Committee will propose names to the Board of Directors, who will consult with the Editor in choosing an appointee. The Board and Editor will also decide whether the interim Liaison Member may stand for election for a full term. If a Co-chair of the Christian Spirituality Group resigns or is removed, the Nominations Committee will provide a list of names to the Board, which will choose a new Co-chair to complete the term and to stand for election at the next Members Meeting. The Board will then nominate this person, following AAR regulations, to begin a full term as Co-chair.
1. Nomination of Previous Directors: After serving a term on the Board of Directors, whether as an elected or *ex officio* member, a member may be nominated to the Board again after a hiatus of three years. By exception, this statement does not apply to the positions of Vice President/President-Elect, who may be elected to that position while serving, or within three years of serving, as an at-large or *ex officio* Director; and the Liaison Member, who may be elected to that position while serving, or within three years of serving, on the Board in any capacity except as Editor or Liaison Member.

**PROPOSED CHANGE #5: Removing the requirement that nominees to the Nominations Committee be regular attendees at the Members’ Meeting**

1. Nominations Committee: The Nominations Committee shall be composed of three members: two members elected at large [deletion: The text previously required that these members be chosen “from among those current members who have regularly attend the Annual Meetings.” This stipulation, unique to the description of those nominated to the Nominations Committee, seemed unnecessary and unhelpful.] and one *ex officio* member from the Board, namely the current Vice-President/President-Elect. The elected members serve staggered three-year terms. The role of the elected members of the Nominations Committee is to assure that the preferences of the membership, expressed through the mail-in suggestions of names, is honored. The role of the *ex officio* member is to represent the needs of the Board, in particular by working with the new members to choose candidates in a way that honors diversity and attends to specific qualifications needed on the current Board.
2. Dues: The dues will be proposed by the Secretary/Treasurer and submitted by the President for approval by majority vote of the membership attending the Annual Members Meeting. The fiscal year of the Society shall commence on June 1 and end on May 31.
3. Constitutional Amendments: The Constitution of the Society may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members voting at an Annual Members Meeting, or by 2/3 of the votes cast by the membership voting by mail.

**PROPOSED CHANGE #6: Added history [This paragraph has been added, in lieu of the previous list of dates, to give more historical background about the development of our documents.]**

This Constitution was originally voted on and adopted at the October 2001 Business Meeting. It was amended at the annual meetings of November 23, 2002; November 22, 2003; and November 18, 2006. It was amended specifically in light of the new by-laws of the corporation on November 20, 2011 and November 2012. At the request of the Executive Committee, Secretary/Treasurer Anita Houck thoroughly revised the Constitution and Policies and Procedures Manual in 2013, in order to rectify inconsistencies among documents, fully reflect the By-Laws, and incorporate the change in the Board of Directors to include the new position of Liaison Member.

**Mission Statement** (free bonus document!)

The Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality (SSCS) exists to promote research and dialogue within the [deleted: “growing”] community of persons interested in the field of spirituality. The SSCS is ecumenical and strives to be inclusive of the widest possible range of expressions of Christian spirituality. Its work is interdisciplinary, encouraging the application of diverse critical approaches to the study of spirituality.

**Nominee Biographies**

*For Vice President/President-Elect:* **Lisa E. Dahill** is Associate Professor of Worship and Christian Spirituality at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH. A scholar of the spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, she is author of *Reading from the Underside of Selfhood: Bonhoeffer and Spiritual Formation,* Princeton Theological Monograph Series (Wipf & Stock, 2009), as well as two popularly oriented books on spirituality and many scholarly essays and articles. She is also translator of two volumes of Bonhoeffer’s writings in the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works series from Fortress Press: *Conspiracy and Imprisonment: 1940-1945* (volume 16, sole translator), and *Letters and Papers from Prison* (volume 8, one of four translators). Her current research centers in ecological spirituality, liturgy, and poetry. She is a member of the Editorial Board of *Spiritus,* is outgoing co-chair of the Christian Spirituality Group of the AAR (and a member of the Steering Committee of that group since 2009), and served on the SSCS Governing Board from 2008-11. She loves to bike, hike, and kayak and to be outdoors as much as possible.

*For At-Large Positions on the Governing Board (2013-2016):*

**Barbara Quinn, RSCJ**, has been the Associate Director of Spiritual Formation at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry since 2011. She served during the previous 10 years as the founding director of the Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego. Her ministry included training spiritual directors and team teaching spirituality in the Nursing, Law, and Business Schools and in the School of Peace Studies. For many years, she has offered spiritual direction and retreats nationally and internationally, including the *Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*, and continues to be a frequent lecturer for adult groups. Barbara received a Master of Divinity from the BC School of Theology and Ministry and a Doctor of Ministry with a spirituality concentration from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

**Glen G. Scorgie** has been Professor of Theology at Bethel Seminary San Diego of Bethel University since 1996. His publications include *A Little Guide to Christian Spirituality* (2007) and (as general editor) the *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality* (Zondervan), which received the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association award for best reference work of 2012. He is especially interested in theologically informed approaches to global Christian spirituality. In 2010 he was a visiting scholar at the Institute of World Religions of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, China. He assists in the ministries of a Chinese church in San Diego, and lectures regularly in Asia.

*For the Nominations Committee:* **Thomas J. McElligott** teaches in the Theology and Religious Studies department of St. Mary’s College of California. He is a charter member of the SSCS with a Ph.D in Christian Spirituality from the Graduate Theology Union, Berkeley, CA. His current research is in film and spirituality; the secular and spirituality; and spirituality, the imaginary and the real. He has written for *The Way* and Orlando Espin and James Nickoloff’s *An Introductory Dictionary of Theology and Religious Studies*. He is an active member of the Spirituality section of the College Theology Society and a current member of the executive team of the Spirituality section of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

*For Co-Chair of the Christian Spirituality Group of the AAR:* **Glenn Young** is Assistant Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Rockhurst University. Glenn received his doctorate in Religious Studies and English from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. His dissertation focused on the appropriation of the medieval mystical text *The Cloud of Unknowing* in present-day Christian prayer movements. His research interests are in the areas of Christian mysticism and comparative religion. Glenn previously served as a co-convener of the Spirituality Section of the College Theology Society.

*For the position of Liaison Member, if approved:* **Steven Chase** is currently a Research Scholar at St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, MN. He is also currently pursuing a Psychological Doctorate (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology with emphasis in Jungian Studies, at Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, CA. Dr. Chase looks forward to working at the intersections of psychology and spirituality. He has taught Spirituality and Historical Theology at Western Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. He has written 8 books including, most recently, *Job: A Theological Commentary* and *Nature as Spiritual Practice*. Dr. Chase is a past President of the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality and founder of the Society's Christian Spirituality Group within AAR.

**SSCS Financial Report**

**Fiscal Year 2013 (6/01/12-5/31/13)**

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| **Opening balance**: 6/01/12 (amended) |  |  $4,039.72  |
| Income: |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dues |  |  | $7,739.55 |
|  | Contributions (tax deductible after 2/11/13) |  |  | 561.00 |
|  | Credit Union dividends | .93 |
|  |  | Total income: |  |  $8,301.48 |
| Society expenses: |  |  |  |
|  | Postage[[1]](#footnote-1) |  | $1,456.04 |
|  | Photocopying |  |  163.86 |
|  | Emerging Scholars |  | 90.00 |
|  | Annual Meeting events 2012 (includes anniversary events not donated[[2]](#footnote-2)) |  | 1011.82 |
|  | Stipend (Web Editor) |  |  500.00 |
|  | Stipend (Secretary/Treasurer)[[3]](#footnote-3) |  |  |  0 |
|  | Student salaries |  |  45.00 |
|  | Founders’ Circle Award |  |  150.00 |
|  | Illinois corporate filing |  | 13.00 |
|  |  | Subtotal Society expenses: |  $3,429.72 |
| *Spiritus* expenses: |  |  |  |
|  | Stipend (Editor)[[4]](#footnote-4)3 |  |  | $500.00 |
|  | Stipend (Book Editor) |  |  500.00 |
|  |  | Subtotal *Spiritus* expenses: | $1,000.00 |
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|  |  | Total expenses: |  |  $4,429.72 |
|  |  | Net gain: |  |  $3, 871.76 |
| **Closing balance**: 5/31/13 |  |  $7,911.48  |

**Membership** (student members incl. in totals) [gratis subscriptions not incl. in totals] *US/Canada/Europe/other*

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|  | **2013** | **2012** | **2011** | **2010** | **2009** | **2008** | **2007** | **2006** |
| Individual  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  US | 434 (83) [5] | 381 (59) [5] | 401 [13] | 433 (65) [4] | 498 (65) [4] | 467 (61) | 510 (76) | 561 (59) |
|  Canada | 20 (2) | 20 (5) | 22 | 22 (7) | 24 (8) | 22 (7) | 21 (6) | 21 (3) |
|  Europe | 35 (8) [1] | 34 (6) [1] | 31 [7] | 33 (5) [1] | 32 (3) [1] | 27 (1)  | 29 (7) | 33 (5) |
|  Other | 26 (2) | 23 (4) | 27 | 26 (5) | 27 (7) | 28 (5) | 19 (3) | 16 (1) |
| Total | 521 (95) [6] | 458 (74) [6] | 481 [20] | 514 (82) [5] | 586 (83) [5] | 544 (74) | 579 (92) | 630 (68) |
| Institutional | 111*80/7/7/17* | 114*84/7/8/15* | 120 *88/6/9/17* | 116 *85/67/18* | 127 *92/5/11/19* | 129 | 120 | 126 |

1. We finally received invoices for postage for our annual spring mailings from 2010-2012. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The anniversary festivities were possible thanks to the tremendous generosity of Ann Astell, Ralph Keen, and the Lumen Christi Institute. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Because of the change in fiscal year, full stipends for the Secretary/Treasurer and Editordo not appear in this year’s report. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)