

ETS Business Meetings November 17 and 19, 2015

Business Meeting One (November 17, 2015):

1. Agenda
 - a. Call to order and welcome (Scott) 1:15 p.m.
 - b. Adoption of the agenda (Scott) MSC to approve the agenda (with the addition of the proposal by Craig Blaising)
 - c. Devotional (Sam) Sam Storms led a devotional on Hebrews 7:25. Even scholars, like non-scholars, wrestle with issues, depression, crises, failures, and more. Encouragement comes from this verse: Christ is able to save to the *uttermost* and always. *Uttermost*: nothing that Christ has done is lacking anything, so he saves us completely, rescuing us from all our sins, guilt, and shame.
 - d. Election of committees (Scott)
 - i. Nominations committee
 - (1) Most recent two past presidents
 - (a) Bob Yarbrough (chairman)
 - (b) Tom Schreiner
 - (2) Nominations from the floor for 3 additional members
 - (a) Paige Patterson (89)
 - (b) Edwin Yamauchi (37)
 - (c) Albert Mohler (98)
 - (d) Sandy Glahn (33)
 - (e) Ligon Duncan (92)
 - (f) Doug Groothuis (29)

MSC to close the nominations

(3) Vote results

- (a) Ligon Duncan
- (b) Al Mohler
- (c) Paige Patterson

MSC to accept this slate of names for the nominations committee

ii. Resolutions committee

(1) Nominations from the floor for 2 members

- (a) George Gatis
- (b) Dennis Jowers

MSC to close the nominations

(2) Vote results

- (a) George Gatis
- (b) Dennis Jowers

MSC to accept this slate of names for the resolutions committee

iii. Membership committee

(1) Current members

- (a) Gregg Allison
- (b) Rob Plummer
- (c) Denny Burke
- (d) Owen Strachan
- (e) David Jones
- (f) Gerry Breshears--rotating off

(g) Timothy Demy--rotating off

(2) Nominations from the floor for two members

- (a) Ben Merkle (55)
- (b) Ingrid Faro (30)
- (c) Jason Duessing (79)
- (d) Alan Branch (38)

(3) Vote results

- (a) Ben Merkle
- (b) Jason Duessing

MSC to accept this slate of names for the membership committee

e. Craig Blaising Proposal (attachment)

Proposed change to by-law 5

There shall be a nominating committee consisting of the two most recent former presidents and three members, elected at the first business session of the annual meeting, which shall present to the Society proposed candidates for election to office at the next annual meeting. This committee shall consider that the officers of the ETS should be members who wholeheartedly support the purposes and Doctrinal Basis of the Society, who have been regularly involved in ETS activities, and who are recognized for their contributions to evangelical scholarship.

Existing text of by-law 5

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Society, who have been regularly involved in ETS activities, and who are recognized for their contributions to evangelical scholarship.

Rationale: (1) allows the nominating committee to work over the course of a year rather than over 36 hours; (2) allows ETS to have one, rather than two, business meeting

The text will be available at the registration desk; the vote will be taken at the second business meeting on Thursday morning

f. Adjournment

MSC to adjourn at 1:38

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg R. Allison
ETS Secretary

Business Meeting Two (November 19, 2015):

1. Agenda

- g. Call to order and welcome (Scott): 8:35 a.m.
- h. Adoption of the agenda (Scott): MSC to approve the agenda as presented
- i. Devotional (Sam): Sam Storms led a devotional on Hebrews 7:25. ETS is dedicated to, and defined by, the inerrant Bible. The words of Scripture are inspired and inerrant, and they address our anxieties. Picking up on the second part of his earlier devotional, Sam underscored that Christ is able to save to the uttermost and *always*. *Always*: with its quantitative (or temporal) force. The saving grace of God in Christ is eternal, incessant. Everything else in life has a shelf life, but divine salvation is forever. Even when we prove faithless and continue to fall into the same sins over and over again, and even when disasters occur in the world, even when we are not worthy, Christ never takes a break in interceding for us.

What would your life, worship, prayer life, scholarship be like if you believe those two words: uttermost and always?

- j. Report of committees (Scott)
 - i. Resolutions committee
 - (1) Members
 - (a) George Gatis
 - (b) Dennis Jowers
 - (2) Report of resolutions (attachment)
 - resolutions
 - MC to accept these resolutions

Additional proposed resolutions (a precedent for ETS to receive such resolutions from members in good standing of the Society)

These resolutions have been received, and the committee has four responsibilities: receive proposed resolutions, read them, review them, report them to the EC; therefore, the committee reports these four resolutions to the EC, which proffers them to the membership

1. We affirm that all persons are created in the image and likeness of God and thus possess inherent dignity and worth.
2. We affirm that marriage is the covenantal union of one man and one woman, for life.
3. We affirm that Scripture teaches that sexual intimacy is reserved for marriage as defined above. This excludes all other forms of sexual intimacy.
4. We affirm that God created men and women, imbued with the distinct traits of manhood and womanhood, and that each is an unchangeable gift of God that constitutes personal identity.

Move to adopt all four resolutions. Second.

Discussion: no objection to the resolutions, but concern for the precedent this may set as ETS members are asked to address issues of deep concern without adequate deliberation (no motion).

Discussion: Agreement with the first three resolutions. Question about the word "trait" in resolution 4.

Discussion: Motion for the resolution to be tabled, for the EC to consider what these resolutions mean (for divorce and remarriage, transgenderedness, etc).

Discussion: these are non-binding resolutions calling for ETS members to debate them.

Discussion: resolutions are not intended to address the issue of maleness and femaleness and divide ETS, but to reflect to the world the common views held by the membership of ETS.

Call for the question. The second motion is to be voted on: to refer these resolutions to the EC. The original motion is to adopt all four resolutions.

In favor: 48; opposed: 104.

In favor to adopt all four resolutions: 135; opposed: 22.

MSC to adopt all four additional resolutions:

ii. Nominations committee

(1) Members

- (a) Bob Yarbrough (chairman)
- (b) Tom Schreiner
- (c) Ligon Duncan
- (d) Al Mohler
- (e) Paige Patterson

(2) Committee report/nomination

- (a) PRESIDENT: Daniel B. Wallace
- (b) PRESIDENT-ELECT / PROGRAM CHAIR: Sam Storms
- (c) VICE-PRESIDENT: David Dockery
- (d) SECRETARY: Gregg R. Allison
- (e) CONTINUING PAST PRESIDENTS

- (i) Scott Rae
- (ii) Tom Schreiner
- (iii) Bob Yarbrough
- (iv) Paul House

(3) Vote on slate of officers:

MC to accept this slate of officers.

- k. Vote on Craig Blaising's proposal: motion to refer

EC moves to refer the proposal to the EC for consideration at its next May, 2016, business meeting. This proposal will be considered along with three other proposals brought forth at the November, 2015, EC meeting (Nov. 18, 2015). Bob Yarbrough moved; Tom Schreiner seconded.

Discussion: there was no discussion of the proposal on the part of the membership; the motion is premature. Point of order: the motion to amend the bylaws takes precedent, and the membership should debate the motion. Reply: the main motion was stated at the first business meeting.

Craig spoke to the original motion: It is a simple and non-controversial bylaw change. The nominating committee needs time to carry out its responsibilities, and this bylaw change provides for this period of time for consideration. Other changes can be made in the future.

Vote on the EC's motion: in favor of referring the motion to the EC: 40 opposed to the motion: 112. MSD

Vote on Craig Blaising's proposal. Discussion: in favor the motion. Moved to table this discussion and adjourn. Presentation of the proposed amendment. Call the question:

MSC to adopt Blaising's proposal.

MSC that the current nominating committee be re-elected and continue its responsibility and provide a slate of officers for the 2016 annual meeting.

- l. Adjournment: 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg R. Allison

ETS Secretary