Guests: Collin Barnes, Eduardo Beira, Walt Gulick, Wally Mead, Marty Moleski, Dick Moodey, David Rutledge, David Stewart.

1. President Phil Mullins called the meeting to order at 1:51 p.m.

2. The minutes of the 2016 meeting in San Antonio, with the correction that Marty Moleski was a guest rather than a member, were approved by acclamation.

3. Charles Lowney presented the Treasurer’s Report. His recommendation that $3835 from the General Fund be moved to the Endowment Fund passed unanimously.

4. Phil Mullins presented the Endowment Committee Report. Diane Yeager moved and Andrew Grosso seconded that Jon Fennell be elected to replace Dale Cannon as one of the two Board-elected members on the committee. Passed unanimously. Charles Lowney will be appointed in 2018 to occupy the position which Fennell formerly occupied on the Endowment Committee.

The Board agreed that Board member Jon Fennell (who is scheduled to be elected Treasurer after the Fall, 2018 Board meeting when Charles Lowney reaches his Board term limit) is authorized as soon as possible to become a signatory on all accounts of Polanyi Society, Inc. He should begin immediately to serve as an assistant to Treasurer Charles Lowney in 2018 and be a party to all financial affairs of the Society. His membership on the Endowment Committee should facilitate that.

5. Jon Fennell presented the Membership Report.

6. Jon Fennell presented the Nominating Committee Report, nominating Collin Barnes and Ellen Bernal as candidates for the Board for a first three-year term beginning in 2018; and nominating Tihamer Margitay and Jon Fennell (eligible for a second term after 2017) for a second three-year term commencing in 2018. The recommendation passed 5 to 2.

7. Walt Gulick presented the Program Committee Report.

8. Esther Meek presented the Travel Committee Report.


10. Phil Mullins presented the Web Site Committee Report.

12. Phil Mullins declared the formation of an Ad Hoc Young Scholars Support Committee (Grosso Mead, Rutledge, and Moleski) to be chaired by Andrew Grosso, with a charge to see if the Polanyi Society can devise a better strategy for coordinating the several programs intended to support involvement with the Society of younger scholars and at the same time retaining opportunities to honor exemplary service to the Society.

13. Charles Lowney’s book on Charles Taylor and Polanyi was promoted. Electronic presentations on Polanyi’s thought and a Polanyi reading week program were discussed.

14. Andrew Grosso moved and Diane Yeager seconded the rescinding of Nashotah House as the Polanyi repository. Passed unanimously.

15. The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

16. NOTE that the state of Missouri requires a report and fee payment each year between May 31 and August 31 to retain the non-profit status of the Polanyi Society.

Respectfully submitted,
David Nikkel, Secretary