Polanyi Society Board Meeting  
November 20, 2015  
7:00 p.m., Hilton Downtown, Atlanta, GA

Members Present: Gus Breytspraak, Jon Fennell, Andrew Grosso, Paul Lewis, Marty Moleski, Phil Mullins, David Nikkel, David Rutledge, Diane Yeager. 

President David Rutledge called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Phil Mullins moved and Diane Yeager seconded the following: On behalf of the Board of Directors, David Rutledge, President of the Polanyi Society, shall write a letter of thanks to Wayne Glasgow, Vice Provost and Interim Dean of Mercer’s College of Liberal Arts, Keith Howard (with a copy to Chairperson Richard F. Wilson) of Mercer University, thanking Mercer for the support provided for Tradition and Discovery: The Polanyi Society Journal, which Paul Lewis edits. Note that we appreciate both the postage subsidy and the efficient mailing process provided by Nancy Stubbs and staff in the Roberts Department of Christianity. Passed unanimously.

The minutes of the 2014 meeting in San Diego passed unanimously.

Proposal that there be a Membership Secretary to coordinate the dues process. Passed unanimously.
Proposal to allocate $10,000 for investment by the Endowment Committee. Passed 5-1.

Nominating Committee: Proposal that Esther Meek be accepted for a term on the Board of Directors commencing in 2016. Passed unanimously.
Proposal that Charles Lowney be accepted for a third term as Treasurer. Passed unanimously.

Tradition and Discovery Report: Paul Lewis proposed that Faith Lab be contracted for a second year. Passed unanimously.
Possibilities of tiered levels of membership or increasing the dues to $50 were discussed. No action taken.

Summer Conference: Andrew Grosso reported on the program line-up and logistics. No deposit to Nashotah House will be required from the Society.

Program Committee: Walt Gulick will discuss topics for next year’s sessions at the Society Business Meeting.

Travel Fund: Wally Mead reported that there were two applicants for this year’s Conference; both were helped.

Website: There were no questions on Phil Mullins written report.
Poteat Conference: David Rutledge reported for Dale Cannon that the Conference finished in the black financially, even with the cost of the statue and artwork donated to the Yale Divinity School. No money was required from the Society.

Gelwick Award: Phil Mullins moved and Andrew Grosso seconded that the award go to a young scholar to attend the June, 2016, Conference. Passed unanimously.

The time for the 2016 Board Meeting was discussed. No action was taken to change the time from Friday evening.

It was noted that many graduate students were involved in the opening session this year.

David Rutledge declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nikkel, Secretary