International John Bunyan Society  
Seventh Triennial Conference, Princeton University  
BUSINESS MEETING  

Tuesday 13 August 2013, Princeton University  
Chair: Nigel Smith  
Minutes: In the absence of the Secretary, Chris Garrett took the minutes.

1. Roll taken  
Members present:  
Members excused: Galen Johnson

2- Approval of previous minutes  
Unanimous

3- Retiring members  
The IJBS expressed its gratitude for the service of Michael Davies, as a secretary over the past three years, and also to Nigel Smith for his service as president.

4. New board of executive officers  
- President: Anne Dunan-Page (automatic nominee)  
- Vice President: David Gay  
- Secretary: Bob Owens (interim)  
- Treasurer, North America, Galen Johnson (renewal)  
- Treasurer, Europe, David Walker (renewal)  
- Editor, newsletter, Chris Garrett (renewal)  
- Editor, Bunyan Studies, Bob Owens (renewal)  
Approved unanimously.
5. Treasurers’ reports
David Walker present the treasurer's report. European account is £1193.20.

Galen Johnson has circulated the North American’s report, which is as follows:
Membership Income since January 1, 2011 +$2,255.72
Expenses for publication of 2013 Recorder (printing, mailing) -$1,272.84
Assets on hand as of August 9, 2013 +$982.88
This shows that about 60% of all incoming funds since January 2011 were used for the publication and dispersion of the 2013 Recorder. The cost will be down next year with The Recorder being distributed electronically.

6. Discussed the need for raising revenues, collecting membership fees

7. Update on Bunyan Studies

- Bob Owens reported that the arrangement agreed at Keele whereby a subscription to BS is included in the membership of IJBS had been put into effect. However the scheme has highlighted the need to ensure that IJBS membership subscriptions are renewed each year. The arrangement is that IJBS makes a single payment to Northumbria University to cover the cost of copies mailed out to members. This cost is about £5.00 per copy (about one quarter of each member’s subscription to IJBS). In an effort to keep costs to a minimum the journal is now produced on a ‘print-on-demand’ basis. Colleagues at Northumbria University have been very supportive of the journal, and are willing to continue underwriting the up-front costs of producing each number on the understanding that the aim is to cover costs. The 2013 number will be a special ‘William Hale White (“Mark Rutherford”)’ number, and the Mark Rutherford Society has agreed to make a subvention towards the cost of producing this number.

- Chris Garrett suggested that we create an announcement inviting submissions for the next journal issue and advertise a timetable for submissions and when to expect issue published.

-David Walker said that Northumbria can/will continue to underwrite the costs for publishing the journal

9. IJBS and other Societies
Nigel Smith raised the question about the ways in which we can do more between the triennial conferences. He proposed that we sponsor panel sessions at other conferences (e.g., Renaissance Society of America, MLA). Nigel Smith agrees to contact the representatives of the bodies concerned and inform the executive committee.

11. Membership rates
Motion (Bob Owens/David Gay): the proposal was made to offer a special discounted membership rate of 3 years for $US 100 (and the European equivalent will be determined later).
Since the meeting, the rates have been determined as follows:
US: $35 per year, $100 for three years
GB: £22 per year, £ 60 for three years
Students/retirees/under-employed:
US: $20 per year  
GB: £12 per year  
Approved unanimously.

12. The meeting was adjourned.