

# Minutes of the Business Meeting of

The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historians

*Southwestern Adventist University*

*7.30pm, May 18, 2019*

1. Prayer by Michael Campbell
2. Voted: To accept the Minutes of the March 19, 2016 Business Meeting with three corrections. 1b instead of SAU it should read SWAU. Also at 6. Last line instead of 2013 it should read 2016.
3. Election/Ratification of Officers
  - a. President: Amy Rosenthal
  - b. Vice-President/President-elect: Lisa Diller
  - c. Webmaster: Bruce Lo
  - d. Secretary /treasurer: Edward Allen
  - e. Newsletter: Sabrina Riley
  - f. Member at Large: Joan Francis
4. ASDAH 2022 Voted: Southern Adventist University will host the 2022 ASDAH Conference.
5. Financial Report: The account of the ASDAH has about \$400.
6. Discussion: There was considerable discussion of alternate time frames. There was some frustration that there were so many concurrent sessions. It was proposed that the sessions run on both Thursday and Friday; or, perhaps some appropriate sessions could be held on Sabbath morning and a general session open to the public on Sabbath Afternoon.
  - a. A Thursday/Friday schedule would be difficult for faculty to lose three days of instruction, since they would have to leave on Wednesday.
  - b. Perhaps there could be a Thursday afternoon session.
  - c. Depending on where the session is held, it might be difficult for people to get there in time for a Thursday afternoon session.
  - d. How about a meeting during the summer? There was not much support for this idea.
  - e. Southern Adventist University wants to plan the next ASDAH Conference during the school year so that students can attend.
  - f. The current schedule has been going well so far, so it is not a good idea to change.
7. It would be a good idea to involve public High School teachers as well as Academy teachers.
8. Since Lisa Diller preached the sermon at the Union College session in 2013, how about having another of our members preach in 2022? This idea is already being explored, as well as having the Association involved in Sabbath School.

9. Regardless of what schedule the schedule is, we probably need to have concurrent sessions. If the participation is larger, perhaps there could be a Thursday afternoon session for those able to arrive by that time.
10. There is a need to enlarge the membership of the Association. Particularly to include Political Scientists, Academy Bible teachers, and International attendees. Would it be possible to have an International session? At Newbold, or in the Caribbean? Could we collaborate with schools and history departments at places like Friedensau and AIIAS to perhaps have affiliate conventions?
11. We need to let International candidates know about the McAdams Grants.
12. We need more contact with each other.
13. We need more publicity for the ASDAH Conference. Perhaps we could use some of the money in the account to pay for ads in the Union papers.
14. Perhaps there should be more open sessions and the call for papers should be open to papers on topics other than SDA concerns.
15. How about some fund-raising? Can we set up a way for contributions to be made on the web site? If we let people know that we would like to help grad. students participate, perhaps they would give money toward that. How about the idea of giving prize money to a grad. student presentation?
16. Do we have dues? Should we have dues? We decided not to require it because it would likely decrease participation.
17. People donate when they see something happening. Let's make something happen. We could have a once-a-month blog or paper summary. Members could submit drafts and get feedback. There is a blog site on the website. If we did have an on-going blog we could ask webviewers to suggest topics they would like covered.
18. How about fundraising on Facebook?
19. We could raise funds by asking for small dues payments yearly or at the time of registration for the triennial conference. These funds could go to a grad student prize or scholarship.
20. How about asking institutions to help establish an endowment? Each could contribute some money.
21. Voted: That the ASDAH establish an Endowment Fund with a goal of \$10,000; that the Association appeal to institutions for financial support as well as to private donors; that the funds be used for student travel or a prize for student presentations; that the executive committee of the ASDAH will decide which of these two will be the purpose of the Endowment Fund.
22. What has the membership of the Association done for historical issues in the church? Could we sponsor a committee to address racial reconciliation? Something like a Truth and Reconciliation Committee?
23. Membership list?

24. Voted: That a copy of Eric Anderson's tribute to Ben McArthur be sent to Callie with a coverletter that we as a society have appreciated Ben's life and his contributions to the Association.
25. Voted: To express thanks to Andrew Howe and Amy Rosenthal for their leadership in the past three years.
26. Amy Rosenthal says that the 18 hour certificate in secondary history instruction is posted and available on the SWAU web site under the Education Department—On line.
27. Papers given at the 2019 conference should be submitted to Amy Rosenthal for posting on-line.
28. Should we publish a book of conference proceedings?