Minutes of the WTS Business Meeting
March 22, 2013

Sam Powell brought the 2012 financial report.

A motion to adopt the 2013 budget proposed by the WTS' officers passed.

Michael Lodahl brought a motion from the WTS' officers to amend the Constitution and Bylaws. Discussion ensued. The following represent some of the points made in the discussion:

- Discussion regarding proposed changes to article four:
  - Kent Brower proposed changing article three to read: “The WTS confesses the historic tradition of the church catholic as represented in the ecumenical creeds and a commitment to the renewal of the church in holiness of heart and life” and article four to read: “Membership in the WTS presupposes a commitment to the renewal of the church catholic in holiness of heart and life as expressed within the Wesleyan-holiness tradition and as set out in Articles 2 and 3.”
  - Randy Maddox: There is a difference between the mission of WTS (what we do) and its confessional requirements. One can affirm former without latter. Good to keep in art 4 full members support the purposes of the society.
  - Jennifer Woodruff Tait: are we just another academic society? Agrees with Randy: full members affirm the purpose(s) of the WTS. Leave article four as it is now and change art 3 in line with Kent Brower’s proposal.
  - Steve Hoskins (?): those who can’t affirm Wesleyan-Holiness theology won’t be able to get the current issue of the journal if they cannot be members. Others responded that there is no real problem with non-members receiving journal—there are many ways in which they can get access to the journal.
  - Dean Blevins: It is important not to put too many qualifications into bylaws. We should especially limit the practice of inserting "implementation pieces" into the bylaws.
  - Several urged the members to leave 4.1.a and 2.a of the Constitution unchanged.
- Discussion regarding the paragraph on the annual financial audit:
  - Steve Hoskins: We should check the requirements of California for the frequency and necessity of audits.
  - Rob Thompson: Leave the words (in the proposal) about audit unchanged until we have an alternative plan in place.
  - Dean Blevins: amend the proposal to "annual audit according to the requirements of the state of residence."

A motion to approve the amendments as proposed, except for 4.1.a and 2.a and language about audit, which will remain unchanged, passed.

Elections:
- Richard Thompson was re-elected to a three year term on the editorial committee
- Heather Clements was elected to a three year term on the editorial committee
- Doug Koskela was elected second vice president
- Brent Peterson was re-elected to a three year term as promotional secretary.

Barry Callen brought the editor's report. See attachment.
Richard Thompson announced that the theme of the 2014 meeting will be “atonement.” Speakers will be Randy Maddox and Ben Witherington. A call for paper was distributed.

Don Thorsen reported on WTS participation in the Faith and Order Commission. See attachment. The members present expressed appreciation to Don Thorsen and Don Dayton for their work in Faith and Order over the years.

Christina Smerick reported on the 2013 WPS meeting and announced that its theme in 2014 will be “embodiment.” Catherine Keller will be the speaker.

The meeting adjourned.