

Minutes of the  
CAREE Annual Meeting  
February 1, 2008  
InterChurch Center, New York City  
3:15 pm

- 1.0 Present: Paul Crego, Alina Nicoleta Feld [welcomed as a new member], Krystyna Gorniak-Kocikowska, Joe Loya, Paul Mojzes, Ines Murzaku, Jim Payton, Walter Sawatsky, Charles West, Paul Wilson.
- 2.0 Jim Payton opened the meeting with a word of welcome. He reviewed the agenda with us.
- 3.0 The minutes of the Annual Meeting of November 17, 2006 (held in Washington, D.C.) were distributed and read.
  - 3.1. They were approved as printed.
- 4.0 We reviewed matters from the previous Minutes:
  - 4.1. Seeking funding updates.
    - 4.1.1. Item # 4.1.1. Paul Wilson has followed up with contacts for the United Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church U.S.A., but without results.
    - 4.1.2. Item # 4.1.2. Ines Murazku has been in touch with the Roman Catholic Church.
    - 4.1.3. Item # 4.1.3. Jim Payton has sent 2-3 e-mails to representatives of the Christian Reformed Church, but has received no response. Jim said that he would follow up with the CRC and also be in contact with the new General Secretary of the NCCCUSA, Dr. Michael Kinnamon.
    - 4.1.4. Item # 4.1.4. Paul Mojzes has not yet contacted Anthony Kireopolous at the NCCCUSA.
    - 4.1.5. Item #4.1.5. Inez Murazku has sent letters to the Vatican Congregation for Oriental Church in Rome, requesting support from its prefect, Monsignor Eleuterio Fortino.
    - 4.1.6. Item #4.1.6. Paul Wilson has contacted Donna Derr of Church World Service.

- 4.1.7. Item #4.1.7. Paul Crego has not yet found a contact at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.
- 4.1.8. Item #4.1.8. Jim Payton reported that money would not be available from the Orthodox Church in America.
- 4.1.9. Item #4.1.9. Jim Payton reported that no money is available from the Antiochian Orthodox Church.
- 5.0 History of CAREE update.
- 5.1. Joe Loya gave us an update on the writing of a history of CAREE. He has looked through the archives housed at Princeton and selected 235 pages to look at more carefully. The next step is to get the most useful data from this material and to write the history up to 1991. The CAREE archives currently include material up to 1991.
- 6.0 The President's report was distributed.
- 6.1. Jim Payton expanded on the report. He emphasized the difficulties that the Zajedno project (see #5 in the "Report of the President") has experienced. Paul Mojzes was thanked in particular for his participation in various dialogues and meetings in the former Yugoslavia. Jim added reference to a letter from Viorel Ionita, a Romanian Orthodox theologian working with the Council of European Churches. He had written to Ionia asking for an invitation to the Third European Ecumenical Assembly, sent to CEC, and advised them what CAREE is and does. In his positive (at the time) response (we were later declined), he noted that as an Eastern European himself he certainly knew CAREE and its activities.
- 6.2. The President's report was accepted.
- 7.0 Executive Secretary's Report.
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- 8.0 Treasurer's Report.

- 8.1 The Treasurer's Report was given by Paul Wilson. He made special mention of the brokerage arrangement that Walter Sawatsky had arranged for the mailing of *Religion in Eastern Europe* to the various seminaries and institutions in Eastern Europe. The savings involves bundling of the journals and then re-sending from some point in Europe.
- 8.2. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
- 9.0 Website Report.
- 9.1. The report from Chris Vandonkelaar was distributed.
- 9.2. We discussed whether we wanted, as a money-saving measure, to piggy-back our site on to another site (such as a seminary or college). We decided that we would keep our site separate for the time being.
- 9.3. We also spoke of the possibility of being a host for online courses in our various fields of study. We were encouraged to send possible website links to Chris.
- 10.0 *Religion in Eastern Europe* report was given by Walter Sawatsky.
- 10.1. Walter explained the concept of mirroring to us and about the way in which searches would work. He also spoke about patterns of content and asked about having issues based on a specific theme.
- 10.2. He wondered whether we could save some money having issues of 60 pages instead of 75. We decided that this would be a good idea.
- 10.3. This report was received with much appreciation to Walter for the work he has done on *REE*.
- 11.0 We further discussed the issue of finances, in addition to items we had discussed in action items from the previous Annual Meeting's minutes.
- 11.1. We wondered whether the Soros Foundation might be interested in some financing.
- 11.2. Paul Mojzes agreed to follow up on a contact with a fund raising expert.
- 12.0 Election of Officers:

- 12.1. The terms of three Executive Board members have expired and Joe Loya has asked not to be named again to the board. We agreed that Heather DeHaan would be a good candidate for the Executive Board and that Jim Layton would ask her. If she was not available, we agreed that we would leave one opening on the Executive Board vacant.
- 13.0 United Nations Representative.
- 13.1 Duncan Hanson, due to the time that he is now required to spend out of the country, has asked that he not be the primary representative of CAREE to the United Nations. He would be happy to continue as the alternative.
- 13.2 Ines Maruzka agreed to be the first representative.
- 14.0 Next meeting.
- 14.1. We discussed several options for our next meeting: another early in the year meeting in New York; American Academy of Religion meeting in Chicago in November; American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in Philadelphia in November.
- 14.2. It was decided that we would meet on 19 November 2008 in Philadelphia, PA, the day before the beginning of the AAASS Annual Meeting.
- 15.0 Other business and adjournment.
- 15.1. As our allotted time in the meeting room of the Reformed Church in America was running out, we decided to adjourn at 5:00 pm.