

**Minutes of the
CAREE Business Meeting
November 3, 2000
Maryknoll, New York**

1. Present: 8 members (Walter Sawatsky, Edna McCallion, Paul Mojzes, Paul Wilson, Charles West, Leslie Taylor, Neils Neilsen, Jim Payton). At 20 paid memberships for 2000, only two would be needed to constitute a quorum required to conduct the annual meeting; thus, a quorum was present and the meeting was duly constituted.
2. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the document “A Future for CAREE: Proposal submitted by the CAREE Continuation Committee” (distributed at the meeting).
3. Walter Sawatsky, Charles West, and Paul Wilson reviewed the background to the proposal, beginning with the decisions reached at the March 11, 2000 CAREE Annual meeting, through the intervening months, and the meeting of the Continuation Committee in September 2000 (in conjunction with the Europe Committee/Forum meeting of the CWSW).
4. The meeting recognized that the proposal would entail a restructuring of CAREE, to focus on particular (related) initiatives, with the membership of the Executive Committee being composed of the leaders of particular initiatives, plus *ex officio* members. The meeting discussed the proposal.
5. Paul Mojzes advised the meeting that, after this academic/fiscal year, he will be able to devote more time to academic work (since he will be leaving academic administration), and that this enable him to become more actively involved in the work of CAREE again. The meeting welcomed this news.
6. Paul Mojzes informed the meeting that a letter of invitation from the President of Macedonia has led to a conference being planned, to be held in Macedonia in the fall of 2001. Paul is closely involved with this. If the project continues to go forward, Paul will be involved, and a related conference might be held at the same time. Paul will work on this, with a view to possible CAREE participation. The meeting welcomed this information and possible opportunity.
7. After discussion, the meeting voted to adopt the basic approach of the document, “A Future for CAREE” (noted above), with the addition of the information about the Macedonian Conference mentioned immediately above as a fourth field [“d.”] for the proposal]; this field would be under the oversight of Paul Mojzes.
8. This will result in a leadership team for CAREE of four persons: Paul Wilson (for the annual meeting, in conjunction with the Europe Forum), Bruce Rigdon (for the summer seminar for theological students), Paul Mojzes (for the Macedonian conference project),

and Charles West (as the moderator for the team).

9. The *ex officio* members of the CAREE executive committee will be: Walter Sawatsky (editor of *Religion in Eastern Europe*), Fr. Leonid Kishkovsky (chair of the Europe Forum), and Jim Payton (executive secretary of CAREE).
10. The Executive Committee of CAREE will from now on consist of the leadership team (item #9 above), plus the *ex officio* members (item #10 above).
11. Jim Payton, as executive secretary, will look into drawing up the changes necessary in the by-laws and the procedure for amending them to accommodate this change.
12. Walter Sawatsky brought forward a request for funding support, in the amount of \$1500, for a venture by reputable church leaders within the Russian Orthodox Church, for a study center for a “church in mission” approach. Upon discussion, the meeting voted to approve this request.
13. Jim Payton noted that our mailing list had shrunk to barely over 200, but that we need 200 addresses to maintain our mailing list rate privileges. He proposed that we remedy this by including two classes of graduate students in our mailing list--North American graduate students studying Eastern European history and/or religion, plus Eastern European graduate students studying in North America. These students would receive *Religion in Eastern Europe* and *CAREE Communicator* at no cost during the duration of their studies--with the hope that this will entice them to become members and get involved in CAREE once their studies are completed. The meeting approved this proposal. Jim will be in touch with others to secure names for this list.
14. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Payton, secretary pro tem