



**2020 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020 FROM 5:15 TO 6:15 PM
SHERATON NEW YORK, THIRD FLOOR, LIBERTY ROOM #4**

MINUTES

Charles T. Strauss, Executive Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15 with 45 ACHA members present.

The minutes were circulated and approved by acclamation.

Mary Henold, 2020 Program Committee Chair, provided a brief report on the successful 2020 Annual Meeting in New York City, which included 26 academic panels, joint panels with the ASCH, a luncheon, a new format for an off-site mass and social (including Catholic door prizes), and several field trips.

Nelson Minnich, editor of the *Catholic Historical Review*, submitted a written report that enumerated the number of articles and book reviews in the 2019 CHR issues.

President Kathleen Holscher provided an overview of her term as president, which included the settlement of the Koenig case, joint panels with the ASCH, a fundraising initiative, and growth in research and travel grants. She passed the gavel to President James Carroll who offered a greeting.

Secretary-Treasurer Charles Strauss provided a report on membership and the 2020 budget passed by the Executive Council.

There was one item of Old Business. At the January 3, 2019 ACHA Executive Council Meeting, 2018 President, Fr. Richard Gribble, CSC, moved and ACHA EC Board Member, Katherine Dugan, seconded a change to the ACHA Constitution, Article 4: 2.5, which will now read: "The Executive Council reserves the right to remove by 3/4 vote of its members present (virtually or in-person) any officeholder of the Association who the Executive Council deems has demonstrated ethical misconduct or unprofessional behavior." Passed unanimously. Given the ACHA By-Laws, which require a second vote by the membership, the motion was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

There were no items of New Business.

Roy Domenico of Scranton University announced that the Spring Meeting would be at Scranton from April 17-18, 2020 and that the Call for Papers was online.

President Jim Carroll shared information about a potential 2021 Spring Meeting with the Canadian Catholic Historical Association.

A vigorous membership open forum followed, which circled the following themes: planning for the the 2020 Annual Meeting in Seattle (with Program Chair Anthony Smith), continuing to pursue a diversity of panel and roundtable opportunities, diversifying ACHA leadership, and the role of committees in ACHA operations.

The meeting concluded with small group committee meetings before adjourning at 6:15 PM:

- Elections Board chaired by Stephanie Jacobe
- Electronic Media Committee by Mary Beth Fraser Connelly
- Membership Committee by Peter Cajka
- Program Committee and Finance Committee with Charles Strauss

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Strauss
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