

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Talbot School of Theology at Biola University in La Mirada, California, hosted the more than 250 registrants who attended the thirty-seventh annual meeting. The Society expressed heartfelt gratitude to the administration and staff of Talbot for making this conference a success.

The theme for the meeting was "Church and Society." Program chairman Gleason L. Archer presented an attractive program with numerous parallel sessions and six plenary sessions. Among the featured speakers at the plenary sessions were J. W. Montgomery, J. Perkins and R. Dugan. Richard V. Pierard delivered his presidential address on the history of notable evangelicals.

Also meeting on the campus of Talbot were two organizations closely related to ETS. The Near East Archaeological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society each had a full program. Many ETS members belong to either one of these societies.

The secretary-treasurer present the membership report and the financial report during the first business meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

		Full	Associate	Student
Active membership 12/1/84	1758	1077	338	343
New members 1985	188	78	27	83
Members dropped	(151)	(61)	(53)	(37)
Total membership 11/15/85	1795	1094	312	389

FINANCIAL REPORT

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULES OF CASH RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1985
AND THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1984

	1985	1984
CASH in banks December 1	<u>\$ 32,183.82</u>	<u>\$ 35,456.76</u>
RECEIPTS		
Dues and subscriptions	31,490.65	28,749.85
Sale of books, <i>Journals</i> and monographs	1,762.69	941.32
Annual meeting	7,552.75	892.16
Interest on savings	2,130.82	2,515.85
Miscellaneous income	350.99	874.71
	<u>43,287.90</u>	<u>33,973.89</u>
TOTAL FOR WHICH TO ACCOUNT	<u>\$ 75,471.72</u>	<u>\$ 69,430.65</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
<i>JETS</i>	\$ 22,581.16	\$ 21,147.66
Salaries	3,054.75	3,057.15
Office supplies	2,445.11	2,534.36
Annual meeting	3,456.75	1,968.47
Stipends	3,000.00	3,000.00
Postage	1,767.87	1,178.87
Regional expense	1,000.00	1,250.00
News letter	-0-	293.98
Audit	200.00	115.00
Printing books	-0-	2,006.29
Directory	-0-	695.05
Legal fees	357.50	-0-
	<u>37,863.14</u>	<u>37,246.83</u>
CASH	<u>37,608.58</u>	<u>32,183.82</u>
TOTAL FOR WHICH ACCOUNTED	<u>\$ 75,471.72</u>	<u>\$ 69,430.65</u>
BALANCES CLASSIFIED BY DEPOSITORY		
Deposit Guaranty National Bank— checking	\$ 2,435.66	\$ 4,141.72
Deposit Guaranty National Bank— money market certificate	26,829.86	28,042.10
Deposit Guaranty National Bank— certificate of deposit	8,343.06	-0-
CASH	<u>\$ 37,608.58</u>	<u>\$ 32,183.82</u>

During the second business meeting the following officers were elected:

President—Gleason L. Archer, Jr.
President-Elect—Walter M. Dunnett
Vice-President—Elmer B. Smick
Vacancy on Executive Committee—Richard V. Pierard
Vacancies on Membership Committee—Gary Habermas
and Ted Martin

The Society adopted the report of the resolutions committee:

1. Be it resolved that warm expressions of thanks be extended to the officers who have served during the past year: Richard V. Pierard, Gleason L. Archer, Walter M. Dunnett, Simon J. Kistemaker, Ronald Youngblood.
2. Be it resolved that sincere gratitude be expressed to all who have served as regional officers in the seven regional sections, on various committees, or in editorial capacities for Evangelical Theological Society publications.
3. Be it resolved that deep appreciation be expressed to Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, and to President Clyde Cook, Dean Wendell Johnston, and those who helped with local arrangements.
4. Be it resolved that we commend the Evangelical Philosophical Society and the Near East Archaeological Society for their quality collateral programs.
5. Be it resolved that, in view of the critical issues discussed in these meetings with regard to Church and society, we urge continued active involvement of each member of the Society in confronting these crucial challenges and opportunities.

President Gleason L. Archer announced the schedule for the thirty-eighth and the thirty-ninth meetings.

1. The thirty-eighth annual meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 20–22, 1986. Theme: "Man and Woman in Biblical and Theological Perspective."
2. The thirty-ninth annual meeting will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, December 3–5, 1987. Theme: "Evangelicals and Spirituality."

The Society adopted an amendment to the Constitution by adding a second paragraph to Article IV, Section 4:

A member whose writings or teachings have been challenged at an annual business meeting as incompatible with the doctrinal basis of the Society, upon majority vote, shall have his case referred to the Executive Committee, before whom he and his accusers shall be given full opportunity to discuss his views and the accusations. The Executive Committee shall then refer his case to the Society for action at the annual business meeting the following year. A two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting shall be necessary for dismissal from membership.

The secretary-treasurer led the meeting in a brief memorial service in memory of and tribute to Gordon H. Clark, James B. Crichton, Leonard Greenway,

Paul L. Kaufman, S. E. Murray, Michael W. Narkun, Glenn O'Neal, Louis Praamsma, Merrill C. Tenney and Jack Zandstra.

The Society continues to experience the evident blessings of the Lord. Membership has been increasing steadily; attendance at annual meetings remains high; and the quality of papers and publications of ETS members is noteworthy. Confidently we face the future, because we know that God blesses our efforts provided we remain faithful to his Word.

Simon J. Kistemaker