

TRANSACTIONS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Swedenborg Scientific Association was held on April 26, 2003, in the Cairnwood Village dining room in Bryn Athyn. Dinner was served at 6:00 PM, and the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The President, Dr. Reuben Bell, welcomed members and friends of the association and called for reports from the treasurer and editor/publisher, published below. Following the reports, President Bell introduced the program, a preview of the 2004 conference on Swedenborg's scientific and philosophical works, a joint venture with the Swedenborg Foundation. Then followed presentations on different aspects of study relating to the conference. These are also published in this issue.

EDITOR/PUBLISHER REPORT

Good evening. I want to speak to four things: the journal; book production; the website; and something special.

The Journal

A tribute to Rev. Dr. John Durban Odhner

Firstly I want to express our deep appreciation for the late Durban Odhner's contributions through his editorship of Translator's Corner, a department that he initiated in 1980. In the first Translator's Corner Dr. Odhner said:

A need has been felt for some years in various quarters for a New Church linguistic periodical, in which a comprehensive archive of worthy literature could be built up for the use of the Church-at-large in its on-going work of translation.

An initiative in this direction was undertaken . . . by the executive board of the General Church Translation Committee, which appointed the undersigned to serve as editor for a "newsletter which would contain

articles that have direct bearing on translation and would be of interest to New Church translators and others . . .”

Further attempts to implement this idea have resulted in *The New Philosophy* opening its covers to a special feature under the above title [Translator’s corner], which will be devoted to the publication of serious studies of specific subjects or problems relating to the work of New Church translation.

We will especially welcome material that reflects sincere effort to promote a spirit of cooperation and contribute to better mutual understanding among those engaged in the sacred task. (P. 36)

Over the years contributions served this worthy purpose. In addition, the Corner carried a new translation of Swedenborg’s work on common salt, *De Sale Communi*, as well as a translation of a major German treatise on Swedenborg and Kant.

We will miss Durban’s deep humanity, and his important contributions to scholarship for the New Church.

Upcoming issue

The annual number issue for 2002 is printed, and is scheduled to be mailed on the 29th. For our 2003 issues we plan to reprint significant articles from the early 20th century that address aspects of Swedenborg’s pretheological works, including articles under the title “Swedenborg and His [contemporary] Scientific Reviewers.” The hope is that these will help us in the preparation for the new work being discussed this evening.

I want to express our appreciation for Rev. Willard Heindrichs’ contribution as a member of the editorial board for many years. His services as a referee of articles and as a proofreader are much appreciated.

Book production

From now, book production will be done by Fidler Doubleday Co. that produces Print-On-Demand books. They are significantly cheaper than those produced by offset printing, and can meet our needs to keep books in stock until the Swedenborg Foundation produces them in the New Century Edition.

The Website

The statistics [shown on a slide] were obtained from our server, Jumpline. While they do not rank among the levels of those obtained for other Swedenborg and New Church sites, they nonetheless testify to the fact that there are visitors, and that over the past year the monthly number has been increasing. In addition to the latest issue of the journal, we will be posting articles from early issues on a monthly basis, thus providing more for our visitors.

2003 AGM special

To date fifty years of the journal have been scanned by the good services of Mr. Sylvain Agnes, a student in the theological school. By the end of summer we expect that all issues of the journal will be scanned.

However, the work of cleaning up the files and formatting them needs to be done, and this is beyond the financial capacity of the SSA to support.

The thought occurred to us that a really great way that members of the association could contribute to its life would be to undertake this work. What is needed is a computer and a little guidance as to editing and formatting. So anyone who would like to participate in this great task is more than welcome. There is a sheet here for you to signed up, and we can go from there.

In conclusion I wish to thank our Administrative Assistant, Kirsten Gyllenhaal, for her continuing first class work as a desktop publisher, and Lisa Synnestvedt, our Assistant Treasurer, for all she does so well.

Respectfully submitted
Erland J. Brock, *Editor/Publisher*

TREASURER'S REPORT

for year ending December 31, 2002

OPERATING FUND

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2001 \$10,632.57

Plus Receipts

Annual Appeal 5,229.75
Publication Fund Reimbursements 3,634.00
Dues 3,966.96
Book Sales 2,599.73
Contributions 3,769.00
Special Events 715.00
Interest 79.86

Total 19,994.30

Less Expenses

Wages 7,742.04
New Philosophy 5,440.08
Editorial Expenses 2,800.00
Special Events 1,460.00
Book Publishing 587.33
Travel 408.00
Annual Appeal 277.56
Postage 483.34
Office Expenses 480.24
Computer 259.60
Internet 194.55
Marketing 62.23
State Registration Fee 15.00

Total 20,209.97

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2002 \$10,416.90

OPERATING FUND ALLOCATION

First Union Checking Account \$4,529.67

Vanguard Fund #30—Prime Money Market \$5,887.23

PUBLICATION FUND

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2001 \$21,627.03

Plus Receipts

Income from Endowment 9,660.00

Book Sales 3,144.00

Income Dividend 278.43

Total 13,082.43

Less Expenses

Book Publishing 4,079.87

Operating Fund Overhead 3,634.00

Computer System 2,781.28

SSA Web Site (Wages) 955.41

Wages 100.00

Total 11,550.56

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2002 \$23,158.90

PUBLICATION FUND ALLOCATION

Vanguard Group Investments

Fund 33—Federal Portfolio \$17,193.01

First Union Checking Account \$5,965.89

ENDOWMENT FUND

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2001 \$241,474.12

Plus Receipts

Dividends & Capital Gains 5,382.74

Total 5,382.74

Less Expenses

Pay out to Publication Fund 9,660.00

Price Loss 46,442.89

Total 56,102.89

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2002 \$190,753.97

ENDOWMENT FUND ALLOCATION

Vanguard Group Investments

Fund 84—Total Bond Market \$16,288.25

Fund 29—High-Yield Corp. Bond \$14,040.09

Fund 9—Index Growth \$33,971.16

Fund 40—Index 500 \$41,100.77

Fund 59—PrimeCap \$45,377.41

Fund 114—Strategic Equity \$24,117.39

Fund 52—Health Care \$15,858.90

SPI FUND

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2001 \$1,789.51

Plus Receipts

Contributions 17,721.27

Dues 1,120.00

Total 18,841.27

Less Expenses

Grants (Total = \$10,517.00)

Swedenborg Boekhuis 8,000.00

Czech Swedenborg Society 1,790.00

CUCIS 750.00

Printing 2,836.27

Wages 1,826.31

Postage 409.68

Web site 189.55

Office 184.33

Bank fees 64.65

Annual Appeal 41.14

Total 16,068.93

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2002 \$4,561.85

SPI FUND ALLOCATION

Petty cash 55.08

HVFS Checking Account 4,506.77

Respectfully submitted
Allen J. Bedford, *Treasurer*

