**BUSINESS MEETING FOR THE SOCIETY FOR RICOEUR STUDIES**

New Orleans, LA, October 25, 2014

1. Announcement of Election Results:

* Continuing Members on the Board of Directors:

President: Boyd Blundell:

Treasurer: Adam Graves

Editor of ERRS: Eileen Brennan

Webmaster: John Arthos

Director: Cristal Huang

Director: Gonzalo Marcelo

* Newly Elected Members on the Board of Directors:

 Vice-President: Todd Mei

 Director: Anna Borisenkova

 Director: Cyndie Sautereau

 Director: Michael Sohn

2. Minutes from Business Meeting 2013 should be posted soon.

3. Finances:

 Current Bank Balance: $4337.69

 Estimated Bank Balance with Conference/Membership Fees: $7500.00

 Minus Estimated Conference Expenses: $4300

 Estimated Bank Balance after Conference: $3200

4. Graduate Student Prize ($250.00):

* Awarded to Po-Chou Liao, National Taiwan University.

5. Abstracts of Conference Presentations:

* This year’s conference abstracts will be posted within the next month or two.
* In the future, abstracts will be published ahead of the conference.

6. *Études Ricoeuriennes/Ricoeur Studies* (ERRS):

* Continues to publish high-quality articles.

7. Lexington Series:

* Recent publication: Marianne Moyaert, *In Response to the Religious Other* (2014).
* Total publications thus far: 4.
* Number of publications currently under contract: 5.

8. Society for Ricoeur Studies Newsletter:

* Led by Anna Borisenkova, Fernando Nascimento, Roger Savage.
* Purpose:
	+ To help facilitate discussion.
		- E.g. How to teach Ricoeur? Which texts are used? Where is he being taught (i.e. department, university)?
		- If anyone is teaching Ricoeur, send information to Anna Borisenkova.
	+ To announce new publications, events, conferences etc.

9. New Website:

* Andrew Walters and John Arthos are revamping the website.
* If anyone is interested in helping, contact Roger Savage.

10. Teaching Ricoeur Initiative:

* Initiated by Michael Deckard to share teaching resources.
* If anyone is teaching Ricoeur at the undergraduate level, send bibliographical reference and summary to Michael Deckard within the next 6-8 weeks so that all the information can be included in the next issue of the Society for Ricoeur Studies Newsletter.

11. Next Annual Conference:

* October 8-10, 2015, Atlanta, GA (with SPEP – Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy).
* Discussion:
	+ Should the Society for Ricoeur Studies continue to meet alongside SPEP?
	+ Alternatives to SPEP?
		- From time to time a member’s university/institution to cut costs.
		- University of Chicago Divinity School.
		- Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.
	+ Future conference time and locations to be determined at business meeting in Atlanta, GA, 2015.

12. Update on International Activities on Ricoeur:

* A. International Conference: *Paul Ricoeur, Hermeneutics and Asia*, May 29-31, 2014, Taipei, Taiwan.
	+ Organized by Cristal Huang.
	+ 45 papers, 16 countries represented.
	+ There will be a call for papers forthcoming to supplement the conference proceedings.
* B. Proposal for Ricoeur Research Center in Taiwan:
	+ To introduce international scholars to Asian audience, for example:
		- Author meets reader
		- Translation of secondary works into Chinese.
	+ To introduce Chinese scholars to international audience.
* C. International Conference: *Paul Ricoeur: Thinker of the Margins?* September 18-20, 2014, Antwerp.
	+ Organized by Arthur Cools, Geoffrey Dierckxsens, Annemie Halsema, Marianne Moyaert.

* D. European Network for Ricoeur Studies:
	+ Constituted by previous conference organizers.
	+ Established as a support network for annual conferences.
* E. Upcoming international conferences:
	+ May 19-22, 2015, Krakow, Poland.
	+ October/November 2015, Philippines.
	+ 2016, South Africa?

13. Proposal of International Ricoeur Calendar:

* To ensure there is no conflict of dates between conferences.
* The Society for Ricoeur Studies Newsletter will provide a link to the calendar.

14. Workshop on Hermeneutics:

* Organized by Nicholas Davey (University of Dundee) and Todd Mei (University of Dundee).
* If interested in joining the workshop or the network, contact Todd Mei.

15. Announcement of New Publications: