

**ASSOCIATION FOR REFORMED &
LITURGICAL WORSHIP**
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 28, 2010

The annual meeting of the membership of the Association for Reformed & Liturgical Worship was opened with the singing of “Gloria” and a prayer by Presiding Member Kimberly Long in the Prince Center at Calvin College, Grand Rapids Michigan, at 9:10 AM on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. A quorum was present.

Those present approved the minutes of the 2009 annual meeting, a copy of which had been provided to each person in attendance.

The Presiding Member reported on the state of the organization, making observations about where AR&LW has been and where it is currently. She noticed that, over the years, the Association has become more denominationally diverse, representing a broader range of liturgical practice. She also noted increased activity within the cluster groups, and that worship remains central at the annual gathering. She posed two questions, inviting members’ response: (1) What it is most vital for the organization to be doing? and (2) Where (and when) we should do what we do?—i.e., should AR&LW attach its meetings to conferences planned and conducted by other entities, or should there be more emphasis on local manifestations of the Association and its concerns? As discussion ensued, she noted the prevalence of questions about pedagogy—what and how liturgical matters are taught in seminaries and congregations. Steering Committee member Marney Wasserman took notes of the discussion for the Committee’s use.

Secretary/Treasurer Bruce Taylor presented a report, noting that the membership stands currently at 52, including 1 student and 3 institutions, and explained the grants (from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, the Myers Foundation, and Fritz West) and contract (with the Calvin Institute) with which the Association has been operating, and which have funded the cluster groups and attendance of various persons at the annual meeting. The Treasurer’s Report, included in the attendees’ packets, is on file.

The Presiding Member reported that the Association will meet again next year at Calvin College.

Priscilla Kimery, representing member institution West Plano Presbyterian Church on the Steering Committee, drew attention to the

wealth of materials archived on the organization’s internet website.

Fritz West reported on the Association’s newsletter, noting that the fall issue is provided to everyone who has ever been a member of the organization and that the spring issue is distributed to a list of almost 600 people who have expressed interest in the work of AR&LW at one time or another. He informed the attendees about upcoming articles. Steering Committee member Reford Nash added that a paper copy of the newsletter will be provided to anyone who requests it. Submissions are considered for publication; in general, authors are encouraged to submit articles in the range of 750-1000 words.

Fritz West also spoke of the Association’s relationship with the Liturgical Conference and its publication, *Liturgy*. He sits on the board of the Conference.

The report of the Nominating Committee, composed this year of Ron Rienstra, Gregg Mast, and Kim Long, was presented and acted upon. Sheri Curry and Fritz West, the Committee’s nominees for the Steering Committee class of 2013, were elected, replacing Kimberly Long and Gregg Mast, whose terms are expiring. The Nominating Committee’s nominees for the positions of Presiding Member and Assistant Presiding Member, Fritz West and Priscilla Kimery, respectively, were elected to those positions. Both elections were by a unanimous ballot.

Gratitude was expressed for the service of Kim Long and Gregg Mast, and Martin Tel was thanked for his music leadership at the annual meeting as well as his leadership in preparing liturgies and the members’ worship booklets.

The meeting was closed at 10:03 AM with prayer by Presiding Member Fritz West.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce L. Taylor,
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