

MSSA Business Meeting Minutes – 10/20/2006 – Portland, OR

- I. Status and progress report on the O'Dea book
 - A. 17 chapters; Rick may follow-up on alternative presses
- II. The possibility of an MSSA sponsored session at MHA
 - A. a good idea?
 - B. One session?
 - C. How to approach the MHA about this?
 - D. How to determine participants for the session?
 - i. Armand will take the idea to the MHA
- III. Recruitment – A discussion of how to increase our ranks
 - A. Brochure?
 - B. Guest posts on Times and Seasons or By Common Consent?
 - i. Rick will ask administrators at these websites
 - ii. will have links to data on our website
 - C. Graduate student paper competition?
 - i. Worth keeping?
 - a) Decided this is a dead initiative
 - D. fix website issues
 - E. Dialogue website now allows posting
 - F. people teaching; post syllabi
 - G. European Association of Mormonism
- IV. Sessions for Tampa
 - i. Mormons in the GSS, national data sets
 - a) O'Dea book
 - b) Mormon demographics – census data, GSS data
 - c) Latin researchers – David Knowlton will look into this
 - d) Exporting U.S. Mormonism – support for sessions
- V. Nominations
 - i. President – David Knowlton
 - ii. Treasurer – Michael McBride
 - iii. Board (4 members)
 - a) amend by-laws and reduce to three, and include treasurer as “board member”?
 - iv. Newsletter editor – Ryan Cragun
- VI. mentioned research project by Giuseppe Luca Trombetta and Adrian Comollo
- VII. Money – funds are okay but could be better
- VIII. Perry Cunningham mentioned a job opening at the LDS Church Research Division