

Report on the 2011 CSS/NALF Conference at Luther Seminary and the CSS Business Meeting:

Over 70 people attended our conference, "**Luther and Calvin**," held at Luther Seminary, St Paul, MN, April 7-9. The conference was co-sponsored by the Calvin Studies Society and the North American Lutheran Forum. **Mary Jane Haemig** of Luther Seminary and **Ward Holder**, Vice-President of the CSS, were the conference organizers. The program and information on the presenters are still available at www.CalvinStudiesSociety.org

We express **our gratitude to the following sponsors** of the conference: The H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies, Lyle and Barbara Sall, Westminster Presbyterian Church of St. Paul, and the Office of Worship and Theology of the Presbyterian Church USA. We are also grateful to the faculty and staff of Luther Seminary for their hospitality and support.

The **CSS Business Meeting** was held on Thursday at 5:45 pm, with Amy Nelson Burnett, CSS President, presiding. After a discussion about the **election of Officers and Board members**, it was moved by Ward Holder and seconded by Barbara Pitkin that we ask members to **amend the By-laws** to state that the Board of Trustees will recommend to the members one person for each open position, and then submit those names to members for approval. The motion passed.

A discussion of the **next CSS colloquium** followed. Elsie McKee of Princeton, a member of the CSS Board, emailed Amy and the Board to extend an invitation to meet at Princeton Seminary in 2013. The Seminary will be concluding the celebration of its 200th anniversary and the construction of a new library. Elsie recommended the topic "Calvin and the Book" for the CSS colloquium.

Another suggestion was to change the date of our next colloquium to 2014 to coincide with the 450th anniversary of Calvin's death. The discussion also included the idea that we have a joint meeting with the group at Erskine College and Theological Seminary which sponsors Calvin conferences in the even-numbered years.

After some discussion, **it was decided to hold the next CSS colloquium at Princeton Seminary in 2013.**

Susan Karant-Nunn reminded the group about the **celebration of the Reformation in 2017** and urged us to consider ways of broadening the scope of the commemoration to include topics beyond Luther and the seminal events of 1517.

David Foxgrover, CSS Secretary-Treasurer, reported that as of March 31, the CSS's **checking account balance is just over \$6,000.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Please take a moment and email us your vote on the amendment to change the procedure of electing Officers and Board members. "The Officers and Board members shall nominate one person for each open position and shall submit the nominations to the membership for approval."

You can submit your vote by replying to this email. Vote "Yes" if you approve the change, and "No" if you disapprove. Thank you for taking time to vote.

Cordially,
David Foxgrover, CSS Secretary