

provide us with new ones, and Michael Beaney is out ahead of this pack, and to some extent leading it in this direction. His entry on analysis in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* has itself stimulated some of this activity, the April 2005 conference on *Varieties of Analysis* that he organized was the big event in the field for the year, and it is hoped that the publication of his book on analysis will push the field even further in this direction, and so push historians of analytic philosophy to a better understanding of their subject. For this reason alone 'Analysis' is a significant work. It is also significant for its ambition and scope, and, I must say, for its depth of analysis. Although I have criticized Beaney here for not digging deeply enough into methods of analysis to answer important questions about them, the amount of analysis he *has* done is impressive. Also impressive is his bibliography, which is an extensive survey of the literature on this subject. Anyone who likes books and has an interest in the history of philosophy, and especially in the history of analytic philosophy, will enjoy reading through it nearly as much as they will enjoy reading the article itself.

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⁷ This work in the history of analytic philosophy should not be confused with the parallel but separate movement in the history of philosophy of science, which has been exuberantly revisionist.

END MATTER

MINUTES TO THE BRS ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Bertrand Russell Society Board of Directors annual meeting was scheduled for Saturday, May 14 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. At 1:30pm, the meeting was recessed and then resumed at 2:30pm, and concluded at 3:15pm. Directors in attendance were Ken Blackwell, Andy Bone, Rosalind Carey, David Henehan, Tim Madigan, Ray Perkins, Steve Reinhardt, Cara Rice, Alan Schwerin, Warren Allen Smith, Peter Stone, and Chad Trainer.

The Board's first item of business was the selection of an interim chair. Peter Stone agreed to act in this capacity. Warren Allen Smith then moved to approve the minutes from last year's meeting. Alan Schwerin seconded the motion, and they were approved unanimously. Ken Blackwell then made a motion to approve the e-mailed versions of the Treasurer's report, and Warren Allen Smith seconded the motion.

The directors then elected the following officers by acclamation: President: Alan Schwerin (nominated by Ken Blackwell and seconded by Rosalind Carey); Vice President: Ray Perkins (nominated by Alan Schwerin and seconded by David Henehan); Secretary: David Henehan (nominated by Alan Schwerin and seconded by Ken Blackwell); Treasurer: Dennis Darland (nominated by Alan Schwerin and seconded by Chad Trainer; and Chair: Chad Trainer (nominated by Ken Blackwell and seconded by Cara Rice);

The subject of outreach for the Bertrand Russell Society was next discussed. Specifically, the worth of positions established for these purposes was revisited. Rosalind Carey indicated her support for this type of position and cited the work that John Ongley is already doing in this area. Tim Madigan moved to have the positions that were divided (at the 2004 board meeting) into vice-president for international outreach and vice president of outreach in North America combined into one position to be occupied by John Ongley. Cara Rice seconded the motion, and it passed with eleven to one votes.

The place and time of next year's annual meeting was the next item on the agenda. It was agreed by all to accept Gregory Landini's offer to host next year's annual meeting at the University of Iowa. There was less agreement about the exact weekend the meeting should occur. Cara Rice supported the idea of holding the meeting as late in June as possible. John Ongley, on the other hand, supported the idea of the meeting occurring around the end of May, or beginning of June. Peter Stone suggested taking a "straw pole" on the matter. One person voted for mid-May, three people for early June, and twelve people for mid-June. Cara Rice moved to have the next annual meeting held at the University of Iowa, Warren Allen Smith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

On the subject of the site for 2007's meeting, Alan Schwerin mentioned Monmouth University as a candidate. John Ongley mentioned the possibility of Drew University. Peter Stone noted the good attendance at Drew's last meeting, but it was agreed that the availability of John Lenz as a host needed to be determined. Rosalind Carey volunteered Lehman as a candidate with the caveat that it lacked dormitories.

Next on the agenda was the subject of honorary memberships. Peter Stone read aloud the conditions for honorary members. Ken Blackwell moved to make Joseph Rotblat an honorary member, alluding to the well-known Nobel Prize-winning work Rotblat had done with Russell and continues to do with the Pugwash conferences. Ken also reminded the directors that Rotblat is 97 years old. Ray Perkins seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Peter Stone brought up the proposal that Tariq Ali be made an honorary member, citing the work he did for the Russell War Crimes Tribunal along with other related work, his correspondences with Russell, and his memorandum on Russell's secretary Ralph Schoenman. Ray Perkins moved to make Tariq Ali an honorary member. Warren Allen Smith seconded the motion, and it carried with eleven yes votes and one abstention.

Steve Reinhardt then asked whether there was any method on the Society's Web site for briefing members on what sort of topics the annual meetings' papers will concern and what sort of preparatory reading members can do to get the most out of the meetings' talks. He referred specifically to a couple of papers delivered that Saturday morning based largely on books with which he could easily have become reacquainted (and so derive more out of the talks)

if only he had had a way of knowing about these papers' subject matter in advance. Alan Schwerin responded that the papers accepted for the meeting are indeed listed on the Society's Web site with accompanying abstracts. Chad Trainer claimed that, on his computer at least, only the titles of papers could be accessed and not any of the abstracts. Rosalind Carey then suggested the possibility of a "recommended reading" list that could be compiled for each meeting.

The next matter addressed was that of funding students interested in presenting papers on Russell at academic conferences. Alan Schwerin explained that Nicholas Griffin had approached him with the idea of the Society helping to fund a student interested in delivering a paper at a conference in Portugal. The Directors considered the problems of setting such a precedent, especially in cases where students do not yet belong to the BRS. There was common agreement that a pledge, at least, to join the BRS should be a precondition for receipt of such funding, and Peter Stone reminded the directors that a student prize was already in existence.

There was then a digression about the perennial problem of how to expand membership. Peter Stone and Rosalind Carey suggested the value of membership drives, especially advertising. Alan Schwerin explained his disappointment after his experience with writing to forty-five universities inviting people to submit papers and/or become members and having had nothing to show for it as a result. Rosalind Carey supported the idea of the editors of the Society's quarterly journal printing "free year's membership tickets". Dennis would give recipients interested in redeeming these tickets a free membership and they would be sent a "welcome package" of sorts. David Henehan encouraged people to think along the lines of using World Wide Web options, and he asked for a clarification of exactly how flush with money the BRS is.

Ken Blackwell cited recent payments for a couple of lifetime memberships and university funding for printing the BRSQ as some reasons for the surplus, and he made reference to Dennis Darland's records of ten or eleven-thousand dollars currently at the Society's disposal. Ken Blackwell then introduced a motion to empower the executive committee to fund students attending conferences who are members of the BRS up to \$200. Alan Schwerin seconded the motion. The motion passed with six of the seven directors present at this point voting in its favor and one director voting against it.

Finally, Ken Blackwell suggested coming up with an automatic method for selecting a substitute Chair for meetings such as this one when the Chairman of the Board is not in attendance. Ken suggested, as an example, that such a role could automatically devolve upon the former Chairman. Dave Henehan wondered whether the position of substitute chair could automatically go to the President, but Alan Schwerin replied that that would empower the President excessively. Peter Stone mentioned the option of mailing out ballots for such cases. David Henehan questioned the propriety of conducting such an election by mail, and Ken Blackwell made the point that this has been the settled manner in which Directors have been elected. Dave Henehan then suggested that a Vice-Chair position might be worth considering. Alan Schwerin replied that the Chairman should have to appoint a substitute or proxy.

Cara Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Henehan seconded the motion, and it passed by acclamation.

CHAD TRAINER

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IN MEMORIAM

JOSEPH ROTBLAT, 96, died in London on 31 August 2005. A 1995 Nobel Peace Prize recipient (with Hans Bethe), knighted in 1998, and member of the Royal Society, Dr. Rotblat, a physicist, was among those scientists who signed the 1955 Russell-Einstein Manifesto. A long time Secretary General of the Pugwash initiative, which is credited with being instrumental in decelerating the cold war nuclear arms race, Rotblat was the only scientist to leave the Manhattan Project on moral grounds. For this act, he was banned from the US for several years.

WHITFIELD COBB died in Blacksburg, Virginia on 31 July 2005. A member of the BRS, and a statistician with a doctorate from UNC, Cobb first studied philosophy, receiving a BA and MA from UNC in that field before turning to mathematics. A longtime teacher of mathematics, Cobb taught at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and was retired as emeritus at State University. He is remembered for his social conscience and his willingness to defend unpopular positions in the face of threats to his person, as in his defense of school integration.

Traveler's Diary / Conference Report

To those who identify the meetings of the APA with its Eastern incarnation, the Central division conference is a surprise. Compared to the Eastern conference, it's small – though not as small as the Pacific – and it moves at a leisurely, dignified pace: each speaker is given a full hour in a group session at the Central; at the Eastern, each speaker has a breathless 40 minutes. Moreover, the Central conference rotates on the axis of Chicago, returning each year to the Palmer House (*the* Palmer House, if you please, and “Palmer” as in *palmy*); in contrast the Eastern careens through the orbit of New York, Boston, Washington, New York, Boston, Washington.

Satisfaction, as everyone knows, is measured in the units of time one gets to spend talking about or listening to pet ideas. This year's crop of BRS talks (combined with sessions of HEAPS) was especially satisfying. Moving backwards, the afternoon session heard first from Ahti-Veikko Pietarinen on “Significs and Early Analytic Philosophy”. *Significs* is the branch of linguistics mothered by Lady Welby. Prof. Pietarinen revealed in the course of his talk the existence of correspondence between Lady Welby and Russell, and this exciting tidbit led me to read these instructive letters during a later visit to the Archives. In my opinion, they reveal Russell's skill in giving the brush-off, though he later seems to have changed his assessment of the value of Welby's work, and it is perhaps mostly through Russell's intellectual honesty in attributing certain ideas to Welby that most of us know of her work at all.

In “Russell, Wittgenstein, and Logical Atomism” Prof. Paul Los argued against the view that atomism arose under Wittgenstein's influence, giving evidence of an earlier date and a different provenance for that theory by referring us, in part, to Russell's baldly explicit realism in his 1911 French paper “Analytic Realism”. Fellow Russellian James Connelly spoke on “Wittgenstein On Proper Names and Logical Truth” arguing for the presence in the *Tractatus* of an interesting and important theory of proper names. In taking this line James perhaps places himself in the overdue backlash to the current fashion of denying that Wittgenstein ever had any theories, meant to express theories - or heck! - even knew what a theory was.

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Note: Treasurer's Reports in Issues 120-127 contained errors introduced in the editing process. Corrected reports were included in combined issue 128-129. This is noted on page 7 of that issue.

In the morning session, Prof. David Martens gave an exquisitely crafted argument in a paper called "McTaggart On the Conditions for Knowledge". I have since come to realize exactly how rare McTaggart scholars are, so this was a unique treat. Prof. Stefanie Rocknak of Hartnack College in New York spoke on "Russell's Impact on Quine". Her paper (and those of the other speakers) was well received by a healthy audience of about 12 souls.

Aaron Preston's paper "Current Work on the History and Nature of Analytic Philosophy" created sufficient flap and high feeling that it was necessary for the group to continue the conversation afterward in the calming presence of food and drink. His talk describes analytic philosophy as a will o' the wisp, a *façon de parler* with no common feature or language game uniting its supposed representatives. What is interesting about Aaron's treatment of the topic - for me anyway - is what it reveals about his conceptions of philosophy in general. Not everyone will agree with me that philosophy is essentially meta-philosophy; this is a matter of taste. And so, too, is the Central APA. —Rosalind Carey

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2nd Quarter 2005 Treasurer's Report
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| INCOME | 248.24 |
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| Dues | 242.00 |
| New Members | 905.00 |
| Renewals | 1,147.00 |
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| Library Inc | 6.00 |
| Meeting Inc | 1,598.92 |
| OD Conference Fees | 0.00 |
| Other Income | 38.82 |
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| Library Exp | 2,104.69 |
| Meeting Exp | 517.45 |
| BRSQ | 269.40 |
| Other Expenses | 24.52 |
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