

Russell Society News

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It's time to renew. Vote by Feb. 23

Renewal time

It's time has come to renew your BRS membership for 2001. The renewal rates, which are unchanged, are:

Individual US\$35
Couple \$40
Student \$20
Limited Income Individual \$20
Limited Income Couple \$25
Organization Membership \$50

"Contributor" \$50+
"Sustainer" \$75+
"Patron" \$250+
"Sponsor" \$100+
"Benefactor" \$500+
"Life Member" \$1,000+

Life members are Dennis Darland, Don Jackanicz, Jim Reid and Charles Weyand.

Send your cheque (made out to the Bertrand Russell Society, Inc.) to the BRS Treasurer, Dennis Darland, at 1406 26 St., Rock Island, IL 61201-2837, USA.

The other 16 directors are: For 1999–2001: Stefan Andersson, Derek Araujo, Kevin Brodie, Tim Madigan, Ray Perkins, Alan Schwerin, Warren Allen Smith and Thom Weidlich. For Jan. 1, 2000–Dec. 31, 2002: Steve Bayne, Jan Loeb Eisler, Keith Green, Nicholas Griffin, Justin Leiber, Chandrakala Padia, Harry Ruja and Peter Stone.

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8 Board vacancies for 2001–03

by Ken Blackwell, Chairman, BRS, and Interim Editor

There are 15 candidates for the 8 vacant directorships. On page 4, select up to 8 candidates. Ballots must be received by Feb. 23.

A director's job isn't onerous, but there's room for a great deal of improvement in the Society. There's usually only one meeting of the Board a year, and it takes place at the annual meeting (on May 25–27 in 2001, at McMaster).

Treasurer's reports

by Dennis J. Darland, Treasurer, BRS

The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc.
Treasurer's Report

QUARTERLY CASH FLOW REPORT
10/1/00 through 12/31/00

BALANCE 9/30/00	\$7,237.80
INFLOWS	
Contributions:	
Contrib-BRS	30.00

TOTAL Contributions	30.00	
Dues:		
New Members	75.00	
Renewals	744.00	
TOTAL Dues		819.00
Other Inc		104.00
TOTAL INFLOWS		953.00
OUTFLOWS		
Newsletter	182.91	
Other Exp	69.66	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		252.57
OVERALL TOTAL		700.43
BALANCE 12/31/00		\$7,938.23

ANNUAL CASH FLOW REPORT 1/1/00 through 12/31/00

BALANCE 12/31/99		\$5,994.04
INFLOWS		
Contributions:		
Contrib-BRS	450.00	
TOTAL Contributions	450.00	
Dues:		
New Members	715.14	
Renewals	3,764.00	
TOTAL Dues		4,479.14
Library Inc.		24.40
Meeting, Inc.		2,250.00
Other Inc.		104.00
TOTAL INFLOWS		7,307.54
OUTFLOWS		
Advertising	143.51	
Bank Chrg.	3.86	
Meeting Exp.	2,755.75	
Newsletter	471.07	
Other Exp	103.16	
Russell Subs.	1,886.00	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		5,363.35
OVERALL TOTAL		1,944.19
BALANCE 12/31/00		\$7,938.23

Honorary memberships update

Nineteen of the 24 directors took part in the voting on two candidates for honorary membership last fall. Nelson Mandela and Ibn Warraq both received well in excess of the necessary two-thirds majority of those voting.

We are awaiting word on their acceptance of honorary membership in the BRS.

How to join BRS-list

by Ken Blackwell

Over one quarter of BRS members have joined the listserv BRS-list, maintained at McMaster University for the exclusive use of BRS members.

To join the list, visit mailman.mcmaster.ca/mailman/listinfo/brs-list and fill out the form. Alternatively, for those without Web access, the list may be enjoyed entirely by email. Send the message

subscribe

to brs-list-request@mailman.McMaster.CA.

We believe this list to be private and secure. E.g., the only way in which your email address will become known to others on the list is if you provide it in any messages you send. The list is moderated by myself.

BRS websites

The Russell Society has an official website at www.users.drew.edu/~jlenz/brs.html, and it seems to be mirrored at sfr.ce.teiath.gr/htmSELIDES/Russell/BR_Society.htm. Besides much else, the official website has a valuable page of links to writings by and about Russell on the Web. John Lenz maintains the site.

Alan Schwerin, BRS President, has a website for the annual meetings at www.monmouth.edu/~aschweri/brs/.

Steve Bayne has one for his Boston Area Chapter: www.channell.com/users/srbayne/BRS/russell.html

Tom Stanley has one for the BRS Library at www.geocities.com/Athens/Olympus/4268/

Finally, the Greater Rochester Russell Set, with several BRS members, has a most active and impressive web page at home.sjfc.edu/~white/grrs

Annual meeting at McMaster

The Russell Society's 28th annual meeting will be held at McMaster University on May 25-27, 2001. The local sponsor is the Bertrand Russell Research Centre. Arrangements are well in hand. For the schedule and developing registration information, visit www.monmouth.edu/~aschweri/brs/

The registration fee is still being set. Accommodation on campus (breakfast included) has been arranged. Tours of the unique research facilities for Russell Studies will be offered.

Candidates for the vacant directorships

Compiled by Peter Stone

Here are the write-ups of this year's candidates. Select up to 8 and record your choices on the ballot that follows. If you don't vote by email to prse@troi.cc.rochester.edu, mail your ballot to Peter Stone, Secretary of the BRS, Dept. of Political Science, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627. To be counted, your ballot must be received by Friday, Feb. 23, 2001.

DONG-IN BAE

Dr. Dong-In Bae is a professor of sociology in Korea and a longtime member of the BRS.

KEN BLACKWELL

Ken Blackwell is Honorary Russell Archivist at McMaster University and an editor of the *Collected Papers*. He is a founding member of the BRS, a longtime Board member and Chairman of the Board since 1998.

DENNIS DARLAND

Dennis Darland graduated from Augustana College (Rock Island, IL) with a B.A. with majors in Mathematics, Physics, and Philosophy. Most of his life since then he has been employed as a Software Engineer, and pursued the above fields independently. In philosophy he has been particularly interested in Russell, Wittgenstein, Quine, Whitehead, and Dennett. He has served as both a Board member and as Society Treasurer for many years.

PETER FRIEDMAN

Peter Friedman has 26 years of experience with computers, working as a computer and website consultant. Bertrand Russell's is the most interesting life story he has ever encountered; Russell's writing, at its best, demonstrates what is for him the greatest command of the English language in all of modern nonfiction. He believes the BRS could and should reach out to a wider audience, and would like to help the Society achieve this aim.

DAVID GOLDMAN

A frequent attendee of Society meetings, David Goldman, a New York psychiatrist, is a longtime member.

HEIDI HELLER

A new member of the BRS, Heidi Heller is a law librarian in Philadelphia.

JOHN LENZ

John Lenz is Associate Professor and Chair of the Classics Dept. at Drew University in Madison, NJ. Currently he maintains the BRS website. He was BRS President from 1995-99, an officer since 1984, and founding director of the Prizes for Papers Program. He is very proud to have his own entry in *Who's Who in Hell* by Warren Allen Smith.

STEVE REINHARDT

Steve is the only BRS member to have attended every annual meeting to date. He's retired from the legal staff of Dupont. He is a longtime Board member, and has served as Treasurer and on the Society's Bylaws Revision Committee.

DAVID RODIER

David Rodier teaches philosophy at American University. He played a central role in organizing the March 2000 International Russell-Wittgenstein conference there. He was a student of Raphael Demos, who studied with Russell at Harvard. He is currently interested in Russell's philosophic development from 1911 to 1918; in Russell's understanding of the history of philosophy; and in Russell as a writer. As a director, he hopes to ensure that all aspects of BR's writings be included in the Society's ongoing projects.

TOM STANLEY

Tom Stanley has been the Society librarian since 1984 and a director since 1985. He and his wife operate Stanley Books, specializing in the fine arts.

LAURIE ENDICOTT THOMAS

Laurie Thomas is a peace and human rights activist who lives in New Jersey. She joined the Bertrand Russell Society partly to pursue her interests in logic and partly because of admiration for Russell's opposition to World War I and the Vietnam War. Although her day job involves turning bad writing into good writing for medical publications, she pretends that her opinions about Russell have not been unduly influenced by the high quality of his prose style. BRS members may remember Laurie's paper, "Bertrand Russell and the Liberal Media," which she presented at a BRS annual meeting several years ago.

CHAD TRAINER

Chad Trainer lives near Little Datchet Farm in Pennsylvania, where Russell lived in 1941-43 and on which Chad's researches have turned up more information. He gave a paper to the Society in 2000. He has a railroad job.

DAVID WHITE

David White studied Russell with Peter Klein at Colgate University in the late 1960's, and continued to work on Russell with Max Black and Norman Malcolm at Cornell University. White has used such works as *The Problems of Philosophy*, *Marriage and Morals* and *Why I Am Not a Christian* in classes at St. John Fisher College for over twenty years now. In addition to helping found the Greater Rochester Russell Set, a group that has conducted monthly public meetings on Russell, White has lectured on Russell at meetings of the Bertrand Russell Society and to other groups. As a board member, White would seek to expand the Society's membership, to encourage the study of Russell in high schools and colleges, and to support the formation of other local and regional chapters.

RUILI YE

Ruili Ye received a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the City University of New York (dissertation: "Belief, Names and Modes of Presentation: A First-Order Logic Formalization") and is currently an assistant professor at CUNY.

Ballot

The ballot can be marked for up to 8 candidates. If you mark more than 8, only the bottom 8 will be counted. Don't rank them. There is space for a write-in candidate. Sign the ballot and send the page (or a photocopy) to Peter Stone, Dept. of Political Science, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627 so that HE RECEIVES YOUR BALLOT no later than Friday, Feb. 23.

Candidate	X
DONG-IN BAE	
KEN BLACKWELL	
DENNIS DARLAND	
PETER FRIEDMAN	
DAVID GOLDMAN	
HEIDI HELLER	
JOHN LENZ	
STEVE REINHARDT	
DAVID RODIER	
TOM STANLEY	
LAURIE ENDICOTT THOMAS	
CHAD TRAINER	
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