

## RUSSELL SOCIETY NEWS

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(1) Highlights: Volunteer needed (36). 1984 Annual Meeting in Toronto (2,49,50). Two anti-nuclear letters (24). 4 books reviewed (13,25,26). New BRS Book Award; nominations wanted (8). Members to vote on revised bylaws (54). Doctoral Grant doubled (9). Hook's portrait of BR (6). Tapes to lend (28). Membership list (51). Time to vote (34,54). Index (53). An asterisk in the left column indicates a request.

## ANNUAL MEETING (TORONTO, 1984)

(2) This report is in 3 parts. Part 1: The Conference. Part 2: The Society's Annual Meeting. Part 3: The Board's Annual Meeting.

Part 1, the Conference. It was titled "Russell Conference 84". It was sponsored by the Russell Editorial Project (at McMaster University), The Higher Education Group, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (at University of Toronto). It dealt with BR's early technical work.

Here is the program:

RUSSELL CONFERENCE 1984  
On Russell's Early Technical Philosophy

Trinity College, University of Toronto  
June 21-24, 1984

Thursday, June 21 Registration and Reception

5:00-8:00 Registration 5:00-8:00 at Trinity College, Porter's Lodge,  
at 6 Hoskin Avenue  
Reception 7:00-8:00 in Senior Combination Room, Trinity College

ALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS IN IGNATIEFF THEATRE, TRINITY COLLEGEFriday, June 22 Welcome, General Remarks and Information on the Conference

9:30-10:00 Welcome and Information on Conference - Ian Winchester  
Opening Remarks and Welcome - Kenneth Hare, Provost of Trinity  
The Russell Editorial Project - Richard Rempel, Director

Session I: From the Foundations of Geometry to Leibniz

10:00-11:00 Russell's Conception of Philosophy - John Slater (Toronto)  
11:00-11:15 Coffee  
11:15-12:30 Russell's Foundations of Geometry - Joan Richards (Brown)  
12:30- 1:30 Lunch: The Quadrangle, Trinity College  
1:30 - 2:30 The Tiergarten Programme - Nick Griffen (McMaster)  
2:30 -3:30 The Picture of Physical Science in 'Leibniz' and 'the Principles'-  
Ian Winchester (OISE)  
3:30 - 3:45 Coffee  
3:45 - 4:45 The Roots of Russell's Discovery of the Paradoxes in Logic and Set  
Theory - Greg Moore (Stanford)  
7:00 -10:00 Banquet: The University Faculty Club, 41 Willcocks Ave.  
Speaker: W. V. O. Quine  
(All registrants and participants)

Saturday, June 23Session II: Early Work on the Theory of Knowledge and the Philosophy of Mind

9:00 -10:00 Russell's Scientific Realism - Michael Bradie (Bowling Green)  
10:00-11:00 Neutral Monism - Bob Tully (Toronto)  
11:00-11:15 Coffee  
11:15-12:15 Russell's Re-Evaluation of Meigong - Janet Farrell-Smith  
(U. Mass.)

Session III: Philosophy of Logic and Language From the Principles to Principia

1:30 - 2:30 The Propositional Logic of Principia Mathematica and Some of  
Its Forerunners - Daniel O'Leary (Maine)  
2:30 - 3:30 Russell's Zigzag Path to the Ramified Theory of Types-  
Alasdair Urquhart (Toronto)  
3:30 - 3:45 Coffee  
3:45 - 4:45 Russell's Logical Manuscripts: An Apprehensive Brief -  
I. Grattan-Guinness (Middlesex Polytechnic)  
4:45 - 5:45 Extension to Geometry of Principia Mathematica and Related  
Systems - Martha Harrell (St. John's)  
6:00 - 7:30 Supper - Open  
7:30 -10:30 The Bertrand Russell Society, General Meeting in the Boardroom,  
The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 252 Bloor St. W.

Sunday, June 24, 1984

Session IV: Logical Questions in the Principia

9:00-10:45	The Referential Uses of Definite Descriptions - Michael Seymour (Université de Québec) On the Efficacy of Substitutional Quantifiers for the Elimination of Classes in <u>Principia Mathematica</u> - Jocelyne Couture (Université de Montréal)
10:45-11:00	Coffee
11:00-12:30	Panel Discussion on the Tenability of Russell's Early Technical Philosophy - A.J. Ayer, Nicholas Griffin, Robert Tully, I. Grattan-Guinness
12:30- 2:00	Lunch: Open
2:00 - 3:30	Russell Editorial Project Meeting, Project Meeting in the Boardroom, The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

The locale was the University of Toronto, with its handsome English-university-style buildings. From the attractive green campus, you would never guess that it is located in the center of a great city.

The facilities were excellent. All BRS members were housed in the same building, located just across the street from the site of the Conference. The BRS Annual Meeting was held in the splendid Conference Room at the Institute (OISE). We are indebted to Prof. IAN WINCHESTER (who, we are happy to report, joined the BRS during the Conference) and to his colleagues at the University of Toronto for many courtesies.

23 members were there: KEN BLACKWELL, JOHN DALE, DENNIS DARLAND, BILL EASTMAN, LEE EISLER, ALEJANDRO GARCADIAGO, DAVID HART, DON JACKANICZ, MARVIN KOHL, GLADYS LEITHAUSER, JOHN LENZ, ARTHUR LEWIS, BOB LOMBARDI, STEVE MARAGIDES, HUGH MOORHEAD, DAN O'LEARY, FRANK PAGE, PAUL PFALZNER, STEVE REINHARDT, HARRY RUJA, CARL SPADONI, and JOHN VAN WISSEN; plus two who joined during the Annual Meeting, STEFAN ANDERSSON and IAN WINCHESTER. Also present were Honorary Members KATE TAIT and A. J. AYER, the latter as a participant in the Conference.

Part 2, the Society's Annual Meeting. Here are highlights. The Minutes provide more details (49).

- . KEN BLACKWELL reported that LESTER DENONN is gravely ill. President Jackanicz will write a letter to his wife, Bess.
- . DENNIS DARLAND reported that the BRS is solvent, with a year-end balance of \$1734.41.
- . LEE EISLER reported on a questionnaire he had sent to dropouts, that had brought some of them back.
- . BOB LOMBARDI moved that we send letters to world leaders, mostly against nuclear weapons. The motion carried (in part).
- . STEVE MARAGIDES moved that a 1986 Meeting in Britain be seriously considered. The motion carried.
- . HUGH MOORHEAD reported that the amount of the BRS Doctoral Grant will be doubled, to \$1000 in 1985. Hugh also praised the newsletter, as had a letter from PAUL ARTHUR SCHILPP.
- . HARRY RUJA named the Officers elected for 1984-85, and invited members to submit names for the new BRS Book Award.
- . JOHN VAN WISSEN moved that we thank IAN WINCHESTER for planning the Conference and providing us with excellent facilities. The motion carried, with warm applause.
- . IAN WINCHESTER will place BRS notices (ads) in journals read by educators, at no cost to the BRS.

Part 3, the Board's Annual Meeting. Here are highlights. For more, see the Minutes (50).

- . The BRS Doctoral Grant was increased from \$500 to \$1000, for 1985.
- . The BRS Book Award will be given for the first time in 1985. Members should submit books for consideration.
- . The work of the Human Rights/Int'l Development Committee (Alex Dely, Chairman) was authorized for another year.
- . JOHN JACKANICZ was named the BRS Corporate Agent in the State of Illinois.
- . Society Officers were elected for 1984-85.
- . Board Officers were elected for 1984-85.
- . Proposed revised Bylaws for the Society were reviewed, and will be submitted to the members for approval.
- . Revised Bylaws for the Board were submitted to the Board, reviewed, and approved.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

#### (3) President Don Jackanicz reports:

With the fine 1984 Annual Meeting behind us, we can now look forward to a June 1985 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. I had hoped 1985 would see us making plans for an Annual Meeting in Britain. To that end, I contacted representatives of the Universities of Cambridge, Oxford, and London, and also received encouragement from Dora Russell. Such a Meeting, I feel, is feasible. Perhaps in 1986 it will happen.

At this time I ask all members to note the last weekend in June 1985 on their calendars, to consider the possibility of attending the '85 Meeting, and to inform me of agenda proposals, including proposals to present a paper. I would also benefit from hearing your thoughts on a 1986 Meeting in Britain.

I would like to thank Lee Eisler and Steve Reinhardt who worked with me to review and suggest improvements in the Bylaws. There are 2 sets of Bylaws, the Board's and the Society's. The proposed changes in both sets were reviewed at the Toronto Meeting. The Board formally adopted its own new Bylaws, subject to the Society's approval of the new Society Bylaws. Such work can be technically demanding, and at times may resemble medieval theology, but it can result -- as I trust it has in this case -- in a firmer organizational basis for the Society.

Hearty thanks, too, go to Jack Ragsdale who has headed the BRS Library for the past several years. He has decided to step down from his post as BRS Librarian, and now we must find a successor. If you might be interested, let me know. (901 6th St., SW(712A)/Washington, DC 20024).

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(4) Philosophers' Committee (David E. Johnson, Chairman):

The Bertrand Russell Society announces a call for papers to be presented at its meeting at the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association in December 1985. Papers may be on any aspect of Russell's philosophy. They should have a reading time of about one half-hour, and should be submitted in triplicate, typed and double-spaced, with an abstract of not more than 150 words. The name of the author, with his address and the title of the paper, should be submitted on a separate page. The submission deadline is May 15, 1985, and the papers should be sent to David E. Johnson, The Bertrand Russell Society, Sampson Hall, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402. Those desiring the return of their papers should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The above announcement appears in journals read by professional philosophers.

BR, WRITER OF LETTERS

(5) A 1963 letter, with thanks to OPHELIA HOOPES:

From: The Earl Russell, O.M., F.R.S.,  
 PLAS PENRHYN,  
 PENRHYNDEUDRAETH,  
 MERIONETH.  
 TEL. PENRHYNDEUDRAETH 249.  
 28 September 1963

Mrs. Mary E. Edling,  
 Recording Secretary,  
 Everglades Chapter,  
 American Humanist Association.

Dear Mrs. Edling,

Thank you very much for your letter. I should wish to send the following message:

"The danger of dogma and of cruelty which results from dogma is best illustrated by the "Holy War" now being conducted by the United States and the Soviet Union. The two sides have stockpiled the equivalent of 320,000 million tons of T.N.T. To exhaust this arsenal of death it would be necessary to employ all of the destructive power used in the Second World War each day for 146 years.

The United States has stockpiled as well 130,000 nerve gas bombs, which, if used, would eliminate life on the land areas of the earth eight times over.

All of this barbaric cruelty is the result of the dogma which obsesses men concerning the "evil" of the Power designated as the enemy of the moment. Free thought entails the responsibility to challenge cruel myths. I hope you will carry on this struggle which is essential to the survival of mankind."

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Bertrand Russell*  
 Bertrand Russell.

## MINUTES OF MEETINGS(1984)

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Minutes of the Society's Meeting

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc., was convened at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 1984, in the Board room of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, at 252 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Members present were KEN BLACKWELL, DENNIS DARLAND, BILL EASTMAN, LEE EISLER, ALEJANDRO GARCADIIEGO, DAVID HART, DON JACKANICZ, JOHN LENZ, BOB LOMBARDI, STEVE MARAGIDES, HUGH MOORHEAD, DAN O'LEARY, FRANK PAGE, PAUL PFALZNER, HARRY RUJA, STEVE REINHARDT, JOHN VAN WISSEN...and STEFAN ANDERSSON and IAN WINCHESTER who joined the BRS at this Meeting. Guests were also present: Jane Lenz, Abe Najjar, Mrs. Frank Page, Lois Pineau, Robert Tully.

President DON JACKANICZ presided. DAVID HART read the 1983 Minutes, which were accepted. DON read a letter from Dora Russell which expressed appreciation of the BRS's work (RSN42-34), and a letter from Honorary Member PAUL ARTHUR SCHILPP generous in its praise of the May newsletter (RSN42), with its excellent 1967 report on the War Crimes Tribunal, by Robert Scheer.

KEN spoke of the serious illness of Honorary Member LESTER DENONN, and of Lester's contributions to Russell studies and to the BRS. Ken's motion, that President Jackanicz write a letter to Bess Denonn on behalf of the BRS, was seconded, and carried unanimously.

DENNIS DARLAND gave the Treasurer's Report. The ERS is solvent.

LEE EISLER, VP/Information, told of his sending a questionnaire to members who had dropped out, in an effort to find out why. A number of the dropouts renewed membership. He also asked members to send him items they come across in their reading, for possible use in the newsletter.

IAN WINCHESTER, of OISE, offered to place notices about the BRS in journals which reach educators, and at no cost to the BRS.

HUGH MOORHEAD praised the newsletter, and echoed Professor Schilpp's words ("It is an admirable piece of work and I want to send you [DON] and the editor my personal congratulations and commendations. Actually it is a superb piece of work..."). STEVE MARAGIDES brought a formal motion of praise for LEE'S work, which was seconded by Hugh, and carried unanimously, with hearty applause.

Hugh reported that the Doctoral Grant Committee had doubled the amount of the Grant. Formerly \$500, it will be \$1000 in 1985. He noted with pleasure that two past Grant recipients were present at the meeting: Alejandro Garcadiiego and Lois Pineau.

HARRY RUJA, Chairman of the Board, reported that the following have been elected (or re-elected) as Society Officers: DON JACKANICZ, President; DAVID HART, Vice-President; DENNIS DARLAND, Treasurer, JOHN LENZ, Secretary. MARVIN KOHL is the new VP/SPECIAL PROJECTS, replacing BOB DAVIS, who stepped down. Next year's Meeting will be either Dearborn or Washington. [It will be Washington.] The Bylaws have been revised, and will be submitted to the membership for approval. (See 33). Harry invited members to submit nominations for a new BRS Book Award. (See 8).

STEVE MARAGIDES moved that the Board seriously consider a 1986 Meeting in Britain (seconded by HUGH MOORHEAD), which among other things would provide the possibility of visiting Dora. KEN suggested having a trip to Britain for those interested, in addition to the regular meeting the same year in North America. Steve's motion carried.

FRANK PAGE asked about the possibility of arranging for the publication in paperback of KATE TAIT'S My Father, Bertrand Russell. HUGH noted the prohibitive cost of such a venture.

JOHN VAN WISSEN moved that we thank IAN WINCHESTER for his work in planning RUSSELL CONFERENCE '84, which we were attending, and for providing excellent facilities. IAN was thanked with warm applause.

BOB LOMBARDI proposed that the BRS President send letters to world leaders mostly on the subject of nuclear weapons. DAVID HART seconded. A number of objections were raised: the poor response to last year's letters (STEVE M.); the difficulty of reaching a consensus in the Society (HUGH); the newsletter could be used to canvass the membership (HUGH & HARRY) or urge individual appeals to Congressmen (JOHN V.). BILL EASTMAN & LEE urged the BRS to send the letters. "If the Russell Society cannot publicly state its position on the issue to which Russell devoted the last 25 years of his life, we ought to quit and go home."

HARRY moved for a vote on the proposals one by one. The motion carried.

The following parts of Bob's proposal were approved:

The letters will go to President Reagan, Chairman Chernienko, House Speaker Tip O'Neill, Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, and Senate Minority Leader Jim Wright, urging the following:

1. a bilateral, verifiable nuclear freeze

2. A denunciation of attempts to employ any weapons in space.
3. A return to arms talks.
4. No funding for the MX missile.

The following parts did not carry: withdrawal of Pershing II missiles from Europe; withdrawal of U.S. forces from Central America; condemning the mining of Nicaraguan harbors; congratulating Lowell Weicker for his role in defeating the school prayer amendment in the Senate. Decision deferred on the following: a ban on chemical weapons, a call for Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

The Annual Meeting of The Bertrand Russell Society was adjourned.

Submitted July 10, 1984

John Lenz, Secretary

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#### Minutes of the Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors of The Bertrand Russell Society, Inc., met in 4 separate sessions, on June 23 & 24. The following report summarizes what took place in all 4 sessions. The actual minutes, written by DON JACKANICZ (with another set by DAVID HART) are in the keeping of BRS Secretary JOHN LENZ. Directors present at some or all of the sessions were: DENNIS DARLAND, LEE EISLER, DAVID HART, MARVIN KOHL, DON JACKANICZ, STEVE MARAGIDES, HUGH MOORHEAD, STEVE REINHARDT, HARRY RUJA. In the absence of BRS Secretary CHERIE RUPPE, DON JACKANICZ was appointed Acting Secretary by Chairman Harry Ruja.

The BRS Doctoral Grant was increased from \$500 to \$1000. Lee Eisler cited the lack of applications for the \$500 Grant; \$500 was probably too small an amount of money to be interesting. After some discussion, and confirmation that there is enough money in the BRS Treasury to cover the \$1000 Grant, the increase was approved. The amount and conditions of the Grant will be reconsidered next year.

The BRS Book Award will be given for the first time in 1985. It had originally been proposed by Gladys Leithauser some years ago. There was discussion as to whether the Award should go only to a book that deals directly with BR or his work or could also go to one that furthered some cause that BR had thought important, such as the abolition of nuclear weapons. No final decision on this question was taken. The Book Award Committee will consist of GLADYS LEITHAUSER, HUGH MOORHEAD, and HARRY RUJA. Members are encouraged to nominate books as candidates for the Book Award.

The BRS Award Committee consists of HARRY RUJA, DON JACKANICZ, BOB DAVIS, & LEE EISLER. Members, please submit candidates for the Award.

The Human Rights/International Development Committee's work was considered. Lee Eisler played a tape of a phone conversation he had had with its Chairman, Alex Dely, in which Alex had answered a number of questions Lee asked. Lee told Alex he intended to let the Board hear the tape. The Board decided to authorize the Committee to continue its present work for another year, and to inform Alex that it is "imperative that he be present at the 1985 Board Meeting, to discuss the work of his Committee."

The Society's Corporate Agent in the State of Illinois is now JOHN A. JACKANICZ, as a result of STEVE MARAGIDES motion, carried unanimously.

Society Officers for 1984-1985 were elected or re-elected by the Board: DON JACKANICZ, President; DAVID HART, Vice-President; DENNIS DARLAND, Treasurer; JOHN LENZ, Secretary. The Office of Vice-President/Special Projects, which had been held by BOB DAVIS, who stepped down, is offered to MARVIN KOHL (who was absent from this session).

Board Officers for 1984-85 were elected or re-elected by the Board: HARRY RUJA, Chairman; JOHN LENZ, Secretary.

Bylaw revision. A Bylaws Committee -- consisting of DON JACKANICZ, STEVE REINHARDT, and LEE EISLER -- had been working on proposals for revised Bylaws for many months. Their proposals were approved by the Board, after some modifications were made. The proposed revised bylaws will be submitted to the members for their approval (33).

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#### MEMBERSHIP LIST

The list is in 2 parts. Part I lists those who were members on June 1, 1984. It was distributed at the 1984 Annual Meeting, in Toronto. Part II lists members who have enrolled since June 1st. Please check your name and address and notify us of any errors. This list is provided solely for your personal use, and is not to be given to nonmembers without permission from the President. Part I is on the next 3 pages, followed by Part II.