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THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

*The Forty-Third Annual Convention
The Mariological Society of America
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX*

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday Evening, May 27, 1992

Present were the following Board members: Bishop Austin B. Vaughan (episcopal moderator), Fr. James McCurry, O.F.M.Conv. (president), Fr. Matthew F. Morry, O.P., Bro. John M. Samaha, S.M., Fr. J. Armand Robichaud, S.M., Fr. Fred M. Jelly, O.P., Fr. Charles W. Newman, S.M., Fr. Eamon R. Carroll, O. Carm., Fr. James Parker, Fr. T. William Coyle, C.Ss.R., Fr. Theodore Koehler, S.M., Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, S.M.

The site of the 1993 program was discussed. Fr. Matthew Morry and the New England Region of MSA volunteered to host the meeting at Providence College, Providence, RI. The offer was unanimously accepted. The dates were set for Thursday and Friday, May 27–28, 1993, with arrival and the Board of Directors' meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 1993. There was also agreement that the 1994 national meeting would be held in Philadelphia.

In the discussion of the proposed program on "Mary and Popular Religion," the suggestion was accepted not to divide this topic into theoretical and pastoral sections, but rather to explore the ways in which theology, Marian devotion, and popular religion influence each other. The underlying theme for the 1993 program will be "Revelation, Marian Devotion, and Popular Piety in Conversation." Suggestions for topics and speakers were given.

Although there was some hesitancy to be committed to a two-year program on "Mary and Popular Religion," the suggestions for possible future programs indicated that the theme could be continued for another year. Included among the suggestions were: Evangelicals and Mary; the communion of saints; maternal intercession; Mary and inculturation; Marian symbolism; pilgrimage and shrines; an update on Mary in the ecumenical dialogue; a study of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic statement "The One Mediator, the Communion of Saints and Mary;" non-European representations of Mary.

The MSA's competition to encourage the writing of Marian hymns will be announced once the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* becomes available in English.

The Cardinal Wright Award will not be conferred this year.

In response to a request from Fr. Johann Roten, the Board agreed to give the International Marian Research Institute \$1,000 to cover postage and expenses involved with an international survey on the status of Marian studies in Catholic colleges, seminaries, and theological institutes all over the world.

MEETING OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS

Thursday Afternoon, May 28, 1992

At the meeting of active members, the following officers were elected for a two-year period: Fr. Matthew F. Morry, O.P., President; Fr. Walter T. Brennan, O.S.M., Vice-President; Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, S.M., Secretary; Bro. John M. Samaha, S.M., Treasurer. Fr. Bertrand A. Buby, S.M., and Fr. Johann G. Roten, S.M., were elected to a three-year term on the Board (1993–1995). Fr. Theodore A. Koehler, S.M., continues as Secretary Emeritus.

MEETING OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS

Friday Afternoon, May 29, 1992

The place and topic for the 1993 meeting were announced. The names of those applying for membership since the last meeting were read and approved; ten applied for active membership and two for associate membership. Reports from the treasurer and from two of the regional units of the MSA were presented.

As new business, Fr. Edward D. O'Connor, C.S.C., suggested that the praying of the rosary become part of the annual meeting.

Resolutions were approved expressing gratitude to the following individuals: a) to Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza, Bishop of Galveston-Houston, for inviting us to the diocese and for celebrating the Eucharist with us on the first day of the convention; b) to Bishop Austin B. Vaughan, the Episcopal Moderator of the Society, whose presence and participation at this convention were most appreciated; c) to Mr. Arthur W. Clinton, Jr., to Rev. Alfred M. Croke, to Msgr. Albert W. Low, to Elodia Guadalupe Madeksho, to Very Rev. Stanley Matuszewski, M.S., to Rev. Walter F. Pelczynski, M.I.C., and the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province of the Congregation of Marians, and to Msgr. Charles W. Stubbs, for their generous contributions to the Society—and to the many other benefactors not mentioned here by name, especially to our Supporting Members (listed in *Marian Studies*); d) to Msgr. Francis G. Wearden for suggesting that the Society meet in Houston; to the staff of the University of St. Thomas, especially to Jan Schultz, for the hospitality and the accommodations; to Lee Bowers and the members of the Marian Activities Center for assisting with transportation to and from the airport; e) finally, to our distinguished speakers and discussion leaders, for their scholarly input and thought-provoking comments and questions.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the *Salve Regina*.

THE MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
FINANCIAL REPORT
1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992

30 June 1991: Balance on Hand \$16,404.25*

INCOME:

DUES	\$ 4,090.00
Sales of <i>Marian Studies</i>	2,847.00
of MSA coat of arms	10.50
Donations from Patrons, other	
gifts to MSA	2,487.40
Residue from 1992 Convention	270.23
Dividends/Interest on	
Certificate of Deposit	471.03
(9/27/91–6/30/92)	
Savings Account	360.35
Checking Account	10.87

Total Income \$10,547.38

\$26,951.63

EXPENSES:

Incorporation tax	\$ 20.00
Corporation agent,	
change-of-address fee	5.00
Secretary's Office (includes	
printing and postage costs)	1,303.54
Travel for invited participant,	
1992 Convention	180.00
Reimbursement	
(for <i>Marian Studies</i>)	12.00
PRINTING of <i>Marian Studies</i>	9,249.78

Total Expenses \$10,770.32

30 June 1992: Balance on Hand \$16,181.31

CURRENT RECORDS:

Certificate of Deposit	\$10,471.03
Savings Account	5,656.94
Checking Account	52.48
Cash on Hand	.86

Grand Total \$16,181.31

*Cash (\$29.26) was omitted in total shown on 1990–91 Report (\$16,374.99 + \$29.26 = \$16,404.25, as shown here).