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THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting The Mariological Society of America International Schoenstatt Center Waukesha, Wisconsin May 27-29, 1998

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 1998

Present were the following members of the Board of Directors: Fr. Louis Bonacci, S.J.; Fr. Bertrand Buby, S.M.; Sr. Jean Frisk; Fr. George F. Kirwin, O.M.I.; Fr. Theodore Koehler, S.M.; Fr. Samuel Maranto, C.Ss.R.; Fr. Matthew F. Morry, O. P.; Fr. Johann G. Roten, S.M.; Bro. John Samaha, S.M.; Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, S.M.

The 1999 meeting will be in Washington, D.C., May 25-28, 1999. At the invitation of the Reverend Walter R. Rossi, director of pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the program's conferences and liturgies will be held at the Shrine.

The following are the members of the program committee for the 1999 meeting: Sr. Jean Frisk and Fathers Bert Buby, Thomas A. Thompson (convener), Johann Roten, Matthew Morry, and Lou Bonacci. The committee to plan a commemoration of the Society's fiftieth anniversary (1999) and the Great Jubilee (1999-2000) is comprised of Bro. John Samaha, Sr. Jean Frisk, and Fr. Matthew Morry.

The report submitted by the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee (Sr. Jean Frisk, Fr. Matthew Morry, and Bro. John Samaha) was reviewed. The Fiftieth Anniversary Committee asked that next year's meeting be extended by one day. The committee also asked that there be appropriate commemoration of the Mariological Society's activities and its contributions to the theological scene, and that there be appropriate social and prayer activities to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary. At the same time, they recommended that some reference be made to Our Lady's role in the millennium preparation program, "Tertio Millennio Adveniente."

The meeting in the year 2000 will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, Illinois (May 27-29, 2000).

The suggestion was accepted that a study be made of the remuneration policy of other learned societies who invite speakers to their meetings and also publish the articles in their proceedings. It was also agreed that the registration fee next year would be raised to \$50.00.

Meeting of the Professional Members

Thursday, May 28, 1998

At the meeting of the professional members, the following were elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years: Louis Bonacci, S.J. (1998-2001); Fr. James

Anderson (1998-2001). The following officers were elected for two-year terms (1998-2000): Fr. Bert Buby, S.M. (President); Fr. Sam Maranto, C.Ss.R. (Vice-President); Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, S.M. (Secretary); Fr. Johann G. Roten, S.M. (Treasurer).

Meeting of the Professional Members

Friday Afternoon, May, 29, 1998

Brief reports were given on the results of the Board Meeting and on regional activities (New England Region).

The following seventeen persons were admitted as members: (14 as Professional members) Brother Bernard Beaudin, S.M.; James Roger Bell, Mark Edward Chapman, Ph.D.; Sister J. Sheila Galligan, I.H.M.; Rev. Judith Marie Gentle Hardy; Kenneth J. Howell, Ph.D.; Very Rev. Archpriest Waldemar Y. Kuchta; Rev. Loville Nicholas Martlock; Sister R. M. Isabell Naumann; Father Jay Scott Newman; Sister Cheryl Ann Porte, M.S.C.; Father James Presta; Father Stephen Kent Sherwood, C.M.F.; Mr. Roberto Antonio Zorzi; (3 as Associate members) Peter Daniel Culloty; Sister Marcia Vinje; and Mrs. Lucia Antonia Whittle.

Total membership (as of May 1998) was 390. This included the seventeen new members (mentioned above), twenty members who had not paid dues since 1995, thirty-nine members who had not paid dues since 1996, and eighty-two members who had not yet paid their 1998 membership. Also at that time, subscriptions to *Marian Studies* numbered 153.