

T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship 2021 Meeting Minutes
Special Business Meeting
Zoom Meeting, July 30th, 4pm CST

Attendees: Jerome Van Kuiken (chair), Myk Habets, Kerry Magruder, Brent Purkaple, Geordie Ziegler, Marty Folsom, Dwayne Richard

Welcome: Jerome Van Kuiken

Quorum call and confirmation by Jerome Van Kuiken

New Buisness

1. Jerome Van Kuiken explains that he will chair the meeting in place of Gary Deddo, the TFTTF President, who is not able to attend the meeting.
2. Proposed amendment to by laws explained by Jerome Van Kuiken—See Appendix 1.
3. Members discuss proposed changes.
4. Marty Folsom proposed two further changes to the by laws as follows—See also Appendix 2:
 - a. In Article II he suggests “other theologians” should be replaced with “other scholars”
 - b. In Article III he suggests “Christian theology and related disciplines” should be replaced with “Torrance’s theology and related disciplines”
 - c. Torrance’s theology and related disciplines
5. Members discussed Marty Folsom’s proposed changes.
6. Members voted on the proposed changes introduced by Marty Folsom.
 - a. Vote passed – 7 yea; 0 nay
7. Members voted on accepting the new bylaws.
 - a. Vote passed – 7 yea; 0 nay
8. Jerome Van Kuiken reminded attendees that amending the bylaws requires a 2/3 majority vote of those members in attendance. Consequently, the proposed amendments to the bylaws pass.
9. Members are reminded to watch email for announcement about upcoming annual meeting on November 6, 2021, which will be held virtually on account of the ongoing pandemic.
10. Meeting adjourned.

APPENDIX 1

THOMAS F. TORRANCE THEOLOGICAL FELLOWSHIP

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this Fellowship shall be the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship (TTF).

ARTICLE II. MISSION

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ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Membership in TTF is open to anyone interested in ~~Christian~~ research in [Christian] theology and related disciplines, who pays dues, and who is in agreement with the Mission Statement in Article II. Annual dues for membership are payable to the Secretary-Treasurer. Dues shall be used to defray communication expenses, costs of meeting rooms, and other expenses incurred by TTF at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Dues shall be proposed by the Secretary-Treasurer and submitted by the President for approval by majority vote of the membership attending the Annual Business Meeting. A report of dues and expenditures shall be presented by the Secretary-Treasurer at the Annual Meeting of TTF.

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ARTICLE IV. BUSINESS MEETINGS

Business meetings of TTF shall be held annually at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Business meetings shall be called by the Executive Committee, who may also call other general meetings of TTF at appropriate occasions. Business meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order. Each member shall be entitled to one vote each on each matter submitted to a vote by the members. Members present at the Annual Business Meeting shall constitute a quorum for all voting.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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