1. Approval of the minutes from the February 2016 meeting—approved

2. Officer Nominations—all for two-year terms

   Midwest SBL—approved
   - Conversations with the Biblical World journal HB editor (second term)—Lowell Handy
   - Conversations with the Biblical World journal NT editor (first term)—Genevive Dibley

   AOS—not presented

3. Financial report for AOS—approved

4. Financial report for SBL—approved

5. Student Religious Studies Conference report—successful conference with 17 presentations and about 55 in attendance

6. Graduate Student Paper Competition ($300 prizes)—winners announced as Stephen A. Long, University of Notre Dame (HB/ANE) and Nicholas A. Elder, Marquette University (NT/EC)

7. Regional Scholar Nominations ($400 regional prize; advance for national consideration)—five candidates [Chontel Fox, University of Notre Dame, announced as winner after the conference concluded]

8. Date, location, and theme for 2018 meeting and future plans

   - location and date (Feb. 2–4 or 9–11) TBD—options are Saint Mary’s and Olivet Nazarene; SBL officers entrusted to secure location after input from business meeting participants, future regional online survey, and discussion with possible hosts
   - theme is “Religion in, of, and around the Bible,” selected by SBL president Jeffrey Stackert
   - plenary speakers are Bernadette Brooten and Simeon Chavel
   - SBL Regional Spotlight speaker is Troy W. Martin
   - SBL Book Review topic TBD
   - we need a candidate for SBL regional coordinator to be elected in 2018—region voted to pay for coordinator’s lodging at regional meeting (effective this year) as an incentive

9. Resolution—to be prepared by Richard Averbeck

10. Other Business—none

Meeting adjourned.