



SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE

SOCIETY REPORT 2005

Colleagues and Friends,

In the 2004 Society Report, I reminded members of what several former SBL presidents had said in the first iteration of the Society Report that began in 1998. Prior to the Society Report we had a series of disconnected annual reports. One of those reports was from the Executive Director. This year I reread my first Executive Director report, given in Philadelphia (1995) and entitled “A Preamble to Change.”

In 1995 we were getting the local area network (LAN) set up at a new SBL office; meeting the new accounting standards required of not-for-profits; beginning a strategic planning process; participating in one of the first web sites (TELA-The Electronically Linked Academy); planning for a new building with Scholars Press so we would no longer have monthly lease payments; starting a recruitment conference (1996); developing better strategies with the American Academy of Religion for an improved Annual Meeting; concluding the challenge grant among members; recognizing the need for a renewed dedication to communicating to the wider public; and becoming more attentive to the professional needs of our membership. Yes, those are almost verbatim quotes from my report dated 1 November 1995.

In 2005 we are celebrating our 125th year. Just as in 1995, we are looking forward, and that needs to be the tone of our celebration even as we glance at the most recent past. It is easy to identify some misplaced hopes (e.g., technology would mean less paper). It is easy to identify the fiduciary accomplishments (e.g., owning a completely funded building). It is easy to identify the intellectual accomplishments (e.g., membership in the Association of American University Presses). It is easy to identify some of the dramatic changes (e.g., a significantly changed Annual Meeting).

The 1995 SBL president, Leander E. Keck, asked us to have a “healthy combination of self-critical analysis and long-range planning.” He noted that it is the strength of the organization that permits us to “evaluate candidly and to think afresh about the future without anxiety.” He stated that “if some lights blink yellow, most are steadily green. Where we go, how we go, now depends on what vision will inform our vocation.”

Our vision is clear, as evidenced by our seven strategic visions. We must continually evaluate them, but more importantly, at this time we must secure these strategic visions with concrete operational strategies and tactics. Our mission, to foster biblical scholarship, requires us to listen and to speak, to lead and to follow. Leading and following takes place in a climate of religious and theological pluralism, amongst members and the wider public, and through dedicated programs of professional and intellectual integrity faithful to our core values.

Cordially,

Kent Harold Richards
Executive Director
Professor of Old Testament



First Year of 125th Anniversary Campaign

With an average gift of \$1,127 from members and other donors, we are well on the way to reaching our goal of \$250,000 over the two years, 2005 and 2006. This year is the 125th Anniversary of the Society, and 2006 is the 125th year of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

We can not let up now, so ask your colleagues to lend their financial support so that we can reach our goal by 31 December 2006. Currently almost three hundred members have made contributions during the year. We have almost one hundred who have made a leadership gift of over \$500.

Vision and Cost

Taking full advantage of the opportunities ahead requires funding. Our annual membership fees cover less than twenty-five percent of the Society's operating expenses. Will the SBL continue to bring new voices and perspectives to our discipline, nurture print and digital communication, strengthen our congresses, and provide additional services? The answer depends on the desire and commitment of our membership and friends. Tax deductible gifts will enable the Society to accomplish more for its members and the wider public it seeks to serve.

At the grand age of 125, the Society has proved its worth. It makes possible professional development, intellectual growth, collaboration, development of teaching, and dialogue across denominations, religions, schools, nationalities, genders, races, and generations.

Opportunities Ahead

The infusion of \$250,000 will allow the Society to move forward on a number of complementary initiatives that

will advance biblical scholarship. The opportunities arise in four integrally related areas: A) inclusion of new and diverse voices; B) support for publications; C) enhancements to the annual meeting; and D) initiatives in technology. These initiatives in concert will enrich biblical scholarship and teaching.

Goals Already Achieved or Initiated with Anniversary Campaign Funds

- ⇒ Supported thirty-three attendees to the 1995 Singapore International Meeting and provided them with a year's membership in SBL
- ⇒ Fully digitized ninety-nine volumes of *Semeia* for the PC and by the end of 2006 for the Macintosh
- ⇒ Worked with JSTOR to digitize all volumes of the *Journal of Biblical Literature* to make it accessible to all members
- ⇒ Completed the Hebrew Unicode and OpenType fonts for free distribution to individuals, with the Greek and Latin soon to follow
- ⇒ Established partnerships with several publishers in developing regions of the world to enable them to produce their own editions of selected SBL titles
- ⇒ Initiated an improved student support system through our Student Advisory Group
- ⇒ Programmed ourselves to meet the needs of members in career tracks other than teaching

Thank you to those who have already given!



SBL Strategic Visions

- Offer members opportunities for mutual support, intellectual growth, and professional development as teachers and scholars.
- Organize congresses for scholarly exchange
- Facilitate broad and open discussion from a variety of perspectives
- Encourage study of biblical literature and its cultural contexts
- Collaborate with educational institutions and other appropriate organizations to support biblical scholarship and teaching.
- Develop resources for diverse audiences, including students, religious communities and the general public
- Publish biblical scholarship

Journal of Biblical Literature is 125 Years Old in 2006!

The 2005 volume of *JBL* (vol. 124) will contain twenty-four articles and five critical notes. Nine of the articles are on the Hebrew Bible, twelve are on the New Testament, and three are on extracanonical writings. There are three critical notes on the Hebrew Bible, one on extracanonical writings, and one on a general topic. Three women

wrote articles (one as a co-author), one each on Hebrew Bible, extracanonical writings, and New Testament.

In the period from November 6, 2004, to November 5, 2005, 141 articles were submitted to the Journal, a five-percent decrease from the previous year (in which submissions had been up twenty-eight percent). Of these articles, nineteen were accepted, with three already assigned to an issue. Five more were sent back for revisions before further consider-



ation. Of the nineteen accepted articles, three are by women (one on Hebrew Bible, two on New Testament), including one that was co-authored by two women. Fifty-two others are currently being reviewed at the time of this report. The breakdown follows below.

Forty-one of the 141 articles were from ad-

dresses outside the United States. The countries most strongly represented were Canada (7), Israel (7), Australia (6), Norway (4), the United Kingdom (4), Germany (2), and South Africa (2). Of these, three have been accepted, two have been returned for extensive revision, and sixteen are still under review.

| | Submitted | Accepted |
|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Hebrew Bible | 62 | 7 |
| New Testament | 64 | 9 |
| Extracanonical | 7 | 3 |
| General | 8 | 0 |

Key Developments in Research and Publications

Septuagint Commentary Series: SBL's Research and Publications Committee approved the establishment of the Society of Biblical Literature Commentary on the Septuagint series, to be developed in partnership with the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies. Current plans are to begin with Lamentations and then to publish at least two volumes a year until the entire commentary series is complete. Publications staff are working with series editors to develop a series style guide to ensure consistency and efficiency in the writing and editing of volumes.

Reprints: Publications staff initiated a significant expansion of SBL's print-on-demand reprint program, beginning with out-of-print SBLMS titles. Announcement of the plans and the first titles to be reprinted enjoyed an enthusiastic response from both authors and potential buyers: (1) *Moses in Greco-Roman Paganism*, by John G. Gager; (2) *Glory at the Right Hand: Psalm 110 in Early Christianity*, by David M. Hay; (3) *Literary Patterns, Theological Themes and the Genre of Luke-Acts*, by Charles H. Talbert; (4) *The Elohism and North Israelite Traditions*, by Alan W. Jenks; (5) *Late Israelite Prophecy: Studies in Deutero-Prophetic Literature and in Chronicles*, by David L. Petersen; (6) *Sin and Judgment in the Prophets: A Stylistic and Theological Analysis*, by Patrick Miller; and (7) *Ben Sira and Demotic Wisdom*, by Jack T. Sanders. After reprinting all SBLMS titles of interest, staff will turn their attention to other classic works, working systematically through each SBL series. In addition, the SBL will also be reprinting non-SBL titles as they become available. For example, we already have an agreement to reprint Pat Miller's *The Divine Warrior in Early*

The SBL Forum

The *SBL Forum* appears on the Society website and is, in many ways, an entry or portal to what we do, who we are, and how we think of ourselves and our profession. A portion of each monthly issue of *SBL Forum* is devoted to organizational and professional news and notices. Another part is made up of articles by our members and others. This past year, Leonard Greenspoon took on the mantle of editor for *Forum* and has provided us with issues on the future of SBL, travel (with a biblical twist), the Bible in Asia,

Africa and in film. Greenspoon has welcomed guest editors who have presented special issues on forgeries and pedagogy. *SBL Forum's* initial intent was to complement and supplement all of the Society's publications. Over time it has developed into a substantial publication in its own right, featuring broad topics of disciplinary interest that are peer-reviewed and of equal scholarly substance as all our publications. *Forum's* topics and the focus are different from other SBL publications, but will continue to grow in importance through our next 125 years.

Israel (HSM 5; 1973) and are investigating various other possibilities.

Globalization Initiative: Based on the recommendations of several interested scholars, publications staff are investigating the possibility of partnering with specific publishers in developing regions, who would publish their own editions of select SBL titles. Our goal in doing so is primarily to make our books available to scholars and students who otherwise would not have easy access to them and secondarily to extend the SBL's influence in and contribution to biblical studies worldwide. The problem that we hope to address is twofold: the high cost of books (in relative terms, compared to what some international buyers can afford) and the significant cost of shipping books overseas. By partnering with a publisher in a certain location, we increase the likelihood that our books will be priced appropriately for that market and eliminate the overseas shipping costs. Publications staff are also considering an informal partnership with the Sabre Foundation (<http://www.sabre.org/index.php>) in which we send damaged SBL books to Massachusetts so Sabre can ship them to a needy library in the Ukraine.

Publications Database: Due to continued dissatisfaction with the quality of service offered by AIDC, the SBL's sales, distribution, and inventory provider, the SBL has decided to move to a more SBL-controlled arrangement as soon as is feasible. Publications staff is developing with technology staff a system that will, in phase 1, manage all book data and the entire publishing process, from acquisitions to publication, and then, in phase 2, integrate this data into a sales-distribution system, whether that system is managed by an outside distributor or by in-house staff. If the latter, the SBL would rely on an outside party only for shipping and inventory management.

James VanderKam to Assume Editorship of *JBL*

The Society of Biblical Literature's Research and Publications Committee recently named James C. VanderKam, John A. O'Brien Professor of Hebrew Scriptures at the University of Notre Dame, to a three-year term as General Editor of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*. Widely known and universally respected for his numerous contributions to the study of the history and literature of early Judaism and the Hebrew Scriptures, Prof. VanderKam will assume the editorship of *JBL* early in 2006, succeeding Gail R. O'Day upon the completion of her second and final term as *JBL* General Editor.

After receiving a B.D. from Calvin Theological Seminary (1971) and a Ph.D. from Harvard University (1976), Prof. VanderKam taught for a number of years at North Carolina State University before joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1991. He has authored numerous works, including *The Dead Sea Scrolls Today* (1994), *An Introduction to Early Judaism* (2001), and *From Joseph to Caiaphas: High Priests after the Exile* (2004). In addition, Prof. VanderKam has edited or co-edited a number of volumes in the Discoveries in the Judaean Desert series and the *Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls*, has published over one hundred journal or book essays, serves on the editorial board of several series, and has delivered papers at numerous conferences and offered invited lectures in a wide variety of places. The Society of Biblical Literature is both honored and grateful that such a renowned scholar has accepted its invitation to serve as *JBL* editor.

The SBL would also like to take this opportunity to express its profound and deep gratitude to Prof. O'Day of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, for her vital leadership and exceptional service these past six years. Since becoming *JBL* editor in 2000, Prof. O'Day has led *JBL* to a standard of excellence that will be difficult to surpass. Under her leadership, *JBL* has broadened its coverage to include new and developing methodologies in biblical studies and has given voice to previously underrepresented groups within the guild. In sum, *JBL* has become, under Prof. O'Day's guidance, the premier source for every aspect of scholarly biblical research today. In recognition of her contributions to *JBL* and the Society, Executive Director Kent Harold Richards will make a special presentation to Prof. O'Day at the SBL Authors and Editors Reception during the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.



Gail O'Day

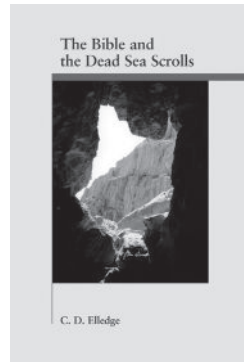


James VanderKam

Books Released Since the 2004 Annual Meeting:

Archaeology and Biblical Studies

- C. D. Elledge, *The Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls*
- Ann Killebrew, *Biblical Peoples and Ethnicity: An Archaeological Study of Egyptians, Canaanites, Philistines, and Early Israel 1300–1100 B.C.E.*



Global Perspectives on Biblical Scholarship

- Caroline Vander Stichele and Todd Penner, eds., *Her Master's Tools? Feminist and Postcolonial Engagements of Historical-Critical Discourse*

Philo of Alexandria Commentary Series (Brill)

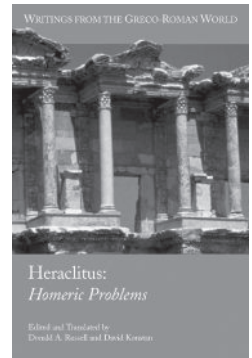
- David T. Runia, *On the Creation of the Cosmos according to Moses*
- Pieter Willem van der Horst, *Philo's Flaccus: The First Pogram*

Studies in Biblical Literature

- Dieter Georgi, *The City in the Valley: Biblical Interpretation and Urban Theology*
- John Paul Heil, *The Rhetorical Role of Scripture in 1 Corinthians*

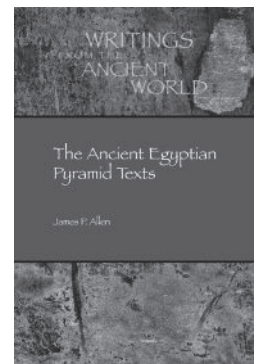
Writings from the Greco-Roman World

- Amir Harrak, *The Acts of Mar Mari the Apostle*
- Jens Herzer, *4 Baruch (Paraleipomena Jeremiou)*
- Robert C. Hill, *Diodore of Tarsus: Commentary on Psalms 1–51*
- George A. Kennedy, *Invention and Method: Two Rhetorical Treatises from the Hermogenic Corpus*
- Donald A. Russell and David Konstan, *Heraclitus: Homeric Problems*



Writings from the Ancient World

- James P. Allen, *The Ancient Egyptian Pyramid Texts*
- Nigel C. Strudwick, *Texts from the Pyramid Age*



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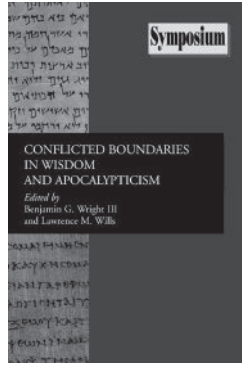
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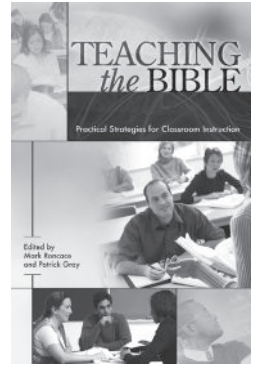
Symposium Series

- Jo-Ann A. Brant, Charles W. Hedrick, and Chris Shea, eds., *Ancient Fiction: The Matrix of Early Christian and Jewish Narrative*
- Kristin De Troyer and Armin Lange, eds., *Reading the Present in the Qumran Library: The Perception of the Contemporary by Means of Scriptural Interpretations*
- Christine Helmer, ed., with the assistance of Taylor G. Petrey, *Biblical Interpretation: History, Context, and Reality*
- Benjamin G. Wright III and Lawrence M. Wills, eds., *Conflicted Boundaries in Wisdom and Apocalypticism*



Resources for Biblical Study

- John C. Reeves, ed., *Trajectories in Near Eastern Apocalyptic: A Postrabbinic Jewish Apocalypse Reader*
- Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray, eds., *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*



Semeia Studies

- Alan Kirk and Tom Thatcher, eds., *Memory, Tradition, and Text: Uses of the Past in Early Christianity*
- James A. Smith, *Marks of an Apostle: Deconstruction, Philippians, and Problematizing Pauline Theology*

Supplements to Novum Testamentum (Brill)

- John T. Fitzgerald, Thomas H. Olbricht, and L. Michael White, eds., *Early Christianity and Classical Culture: Comparative Studies in Honor of Abraham J. Malherbe*

Supplements to Vetus Testamentum (Brill)

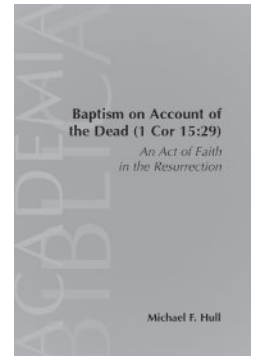
- Alison Lo, *Job 28 as Rhetoric: An Analysis of Job 28 in the Context of Job 22–31*

Miscellaneous

- Rainer Albertz, *Persönliche Frömmigkeit und offizielle Religion: Religionsinterner Pluralismus in Israel und Babylon*

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- Pamela E. Kinlaw, *The Christ Is Jesus: Metamorphosis, Possessions, and Johannine Christology*
- Michael F. Hull, *Baptism on Account of the Dead (1 Cor 15:29): An Act of Faith in the Resurrection*
- Cecilia Wassen, *Women in the Damascus Document*
- Brad Kelle, *Hosea 2: Metaphor and Rhetoric in Historical Perspective*



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Meet the SBL Staff

The Society staff is configured in the following way: 1) Program areas, including publications, congresses, and profession; 2) Operational areas, including membership, accounting; and web technology.

Publications

Bob Buller, Editorial Director, manages SBL's publications program in consultation with the Research and Publications Committee. In addition to providing production expertise, financial-analysis skills, and marketing savvy, he assists with SBL's digital initiatives. Kathie Klein, Marketing Manager, oversees the design of all book covers and marketing pieces and manages the display of SBL titles at various conferences. Managing Editor Leigh Andersen directs the production of SBL books and *JBL* and serves as the SBL's key representative with the Association of American University Presses. Billie Jean Collins (see photo below) recently joined the publications staff to offer expert assistance with acquisitions and marketing. Phillip Sherman, a student intern (Emory Ph.D. student), provides part-time operational assistance for *RBL*. Chris Hays, a student intern (Emory Ph.D. student), gives expertise and leadership to a number of content and design aspects of the Society's brochures and reports. Stacey Henry, a student intern (Emory M.Div. student), supports the day-to-day operations of publications in varied ways.

Congresses, Profession, Regions

Matthew Collins, Director of Congresses and Professions, is responsible for leadership in congresses and the related professional initiatives. He relates directly to the Program Committee, Program Unit Chairs, Regional Coordinators, Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, and the Committee on the Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession, as well as working closely with related organizations such as ASOR. Trista Krock is responsible for operational matters related to congresses and is our primary liaison with

external vendors. Diane Curtis, a part-time student intern (Kennesaw State University) is assisting with a variety of matters related to congresses including some of the student initiatives. Joel LeMon (Emory Ph.D. student) is an intern who provides support for congresses and profession matters.

Membership Services

Susan Madara, who has long been associated with the business operations, is providing the leadership for memberships, subscriptions, and accounting. Theresa Lesnik and Deon King provide SBL's customer service. You will hear their voices when you call about membership, subscription, and development matters, so please introduce yourself.

Web Technology

Missy Colee provides a variety of leadership functions with regard to staff and web technology. She assists with Luce Center operations, human resources, and the management of part-time employees. She is instrumental in making all of us more aware of the needs of teamwork. Lauren High-

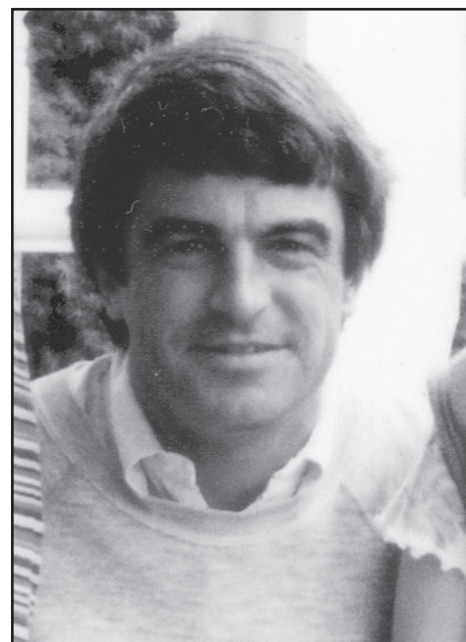
tower is our lead software developer. She has developed the online *RBL*; management tools for membership, subscriptions, donations and congresses; the new web site; and a continuing array of projects. She is essentially the lead person with regard to what we refer to as SBL Knowledge, the content and infrastructure of our web technology. Chris O'Connor, a Senior Software Developer, is the newest member of our technology team and is currently working closely with Lauren and Missy on SBL's technology initiatives. Sharon Johnson is the manager of our web site. She provides the key link with *The Forum* editor and Advisory Board. Erika Fitz, a student intern (Emory Ph.D. student), supports a variety of activities related to our web site.

Administration

Chris Madell joined the staff in October 2005 (see photo below). He will assist the Executive Director as an Administrative Assistant and provide liaison on a number of special projects.



Billie Jean Collins



Chris Madell



Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars

► The SBL co-sponsored, with the Fund for Theological Education, a minority recruitment conference, “Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars: A Recruitment Conference to Attract Racial and Ethnic Students to Ph.D/Th.D Studies in Bible, Religion, and Theology,” on October 28–30, 2005, at Emory University. Thirty-six gifted students (see photo above) were selected to attend a weekend of networking, workshops and discussion designed to help them learn the ins and outs of graduate school application, the life of a graduate student, and what to expect as a student and scholar.

► Last year witnessed the implementation of The Student Advisory Group (SAG). Initiated by a group of SBL Student Members and coordinated by SBL staff, SAG will endeavor to provide the student membership with a representative voice on committees as well as leadership opportunities, professional development seminars, and membership campaigns on campuses throughout the world with the aid of on-campus Student Representatives. SAG held an informal planning session at last year’s Annual Meeting in San Antonio, and will assemble for its first official meeting this November in Philadelphia.



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International Meeting Singapore 2005



Singapore, A Superb Introduction to Asian Colleagues and Culture

Over forty countries were represented at the Singapore International Meeting. Almost a third of the papers were by Asian colleagues. Financial support came from a small Luce Foundation grant, 125th Anniversary Campaign funds, and the host institution, Trinity Theological College. SBL was able to provide free registration and membership to thirty-three Asian scholars. A few Asian colleagues from less-developed countries, such as Myanmar, were provided

travel and housing support. The host institution, Trinity Theological College, provided extraordinary support in time, personnel, and money. They sponsored the opening reception, housed some attendees, and provided the setting for the inaugural lecture and reception, as well as two evening public lectures. The book exhibits and academic sessions took place at the Meritus Mandarin Hotel in Singapore city center.



Regional Events of Engagement Funded by Louisville

The Louisville Institute has made a two-year grant to SBL to convene six conferences to gather religious leaders to study and reflect on the Bible and its use in their professional, congregational, and intellectual lives. Each session will introduce the latest techniques, publications (print and digital), and other resources focusing on the most effective use of these resources for personal enrichment and professional responsibilities such as writing, preaching, teaching, participating in the public arena, and reaffirming the importance of biblical values.

The sessions will employ lecture, panel, and workshop techniques to address the various learning styles of those convened. Each gathering will include at least one public lecture. Attendees will be required to register for the workshops but the public lecture will be open to the wider public. These events will serve as pilots for a continuing SBL program.

It is widely acknowledged that religious leaders need to exhibit excellence in their personal and professional use of the Bible. As the demands and complexity of religious leadership increase, the conferences will seek to address the need to nurture an understanding of the Bible that is fully engaged with the present as well as the past. At a time when the international stakes are so high regarding peace and justice, these conferences will strive to renew an understanding of the common, as well as distinguishing, elements in the heritage of the faiths of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

Each event will be planned by a leadership team consisting of a minimum of five people: an SBL staff person, two regional religious leaders, and two biblical scholars. SBL will work with regional judicatories, rabbinic councils, higher education institutions, and the media to make these events widely known and to identify individuals beyond those who are SBL members. SBL membership is not required for registration in the workshops but each individual who registers, and is not an SBL member, will be given a one-year complimentary SBL membership.

These events will work in concert with and expand upon a variety of topics, including follow-ups to the various programs SBL and the Louisville Institute are developing at the SBL Annual Meeting. They might include such topics as Selecting and Using Commentaries in the Practice of Religious Leadership, Learning Styles and Teaching the Bible, Standards of Biblical Scholarship for Religious Leadership, Writing an Article for a Publication, Using Images in the Exploration of Biblical Texts, Making Use of Your Knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, and The Bible and Family Values.

Regional Scholars

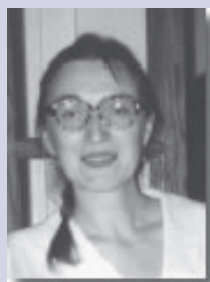
Special attention is given to professional development in the eleven regions by identifying exemplary new scholars, particularly women and underrepresented groups and minorities. The regional scholars are given stipends and a senior scholar is designated as a mentor to assist the awardees.



Alicia Batten, Pacific
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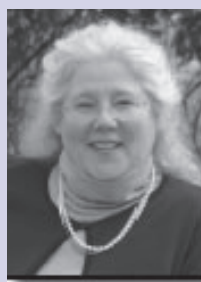
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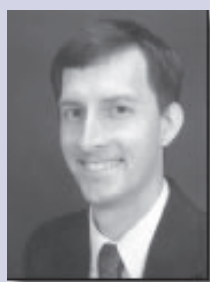
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2005 Humanities Advocacy Day, April 6–7

On April 6–7, Society representatives Bruce Birch, Joel LeMon, Kent Richards and Verna Sodano-Richards joined more than 150 scholars from across the country to petition congressional representatives for increased federal funding for humanities research in fiscal year 2006. To follow up these efforts on Capitol Hill, the Society urges its members to contact Congress to show support for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

At a Capitol Hill reception for legislators and staff, the Society's book series, *Writings from the Ancient World*, was displayed as one of seven exemplary projects funded by NEH. The Society's exhibit demonstrated how NEH funds launched the successful series by underwriting the first six volumes. These books generated enough revenue to fund more than a dozen additional titles in the series. The success of *Writings from the Ancient World* spawned a new series, *Writings from the Greco-Roman World*, which already has more than a dozen books published or in press.

Highlighting NEH support for biblical scholarship has never been more critical than in this lean budget year as lawmakers face mounting deficits. The President has requested \$138.1 million

for NEH, exactly the amount that Congress appropriated for the agency last year.

Given the President's pledge to cut the federal deficit in half by the end of his term, this request shows a commitment to the humanities. Factoring in inflation however, a frozen NEH budget amounts to a damaging cut, limiting the ability of NEH to provide funding at the current modest levels. Furthermore, humanities advocates are concerned that Congress may slash the appropriation for NEH, since, over the last decade, legislators have established a pattern of funding NEH below the President's request (see accompanying table).

To counteract this threat to the humanities for fiscal year 2006, the National Humanities Alliance is urging Congress to increase the NEH apportionment by an additional \$15 million over the president's request. This revised appropriation of \$153.1 million constitutes a conservative figure given the size of the overall federal budget and the value of humanities research for education and cultural life. Advocating this funding increase, the SBL representatives lobbied the offices of Senators Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.), Johnny Isak-

son (R-Ga.), Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), and Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.); and Representatives Cynthia McKinney (D-GA 4th), John Lewis (D-G 5th), and Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md. 6th), in addition to several others outside Georgia.

SBL support for NEH continues beyond these recent efforts on Capitol Hill. We urge all members to write or call their Senators and Representatives, especially now as Congress reviews the President's budget request. Specifically, ask your Representative to endorse an NEH appropriation of \$153.1 million for fiscal year 2006, joining with Reps. Jim Leach (R-IA 2nd), David Price (D-NC 4th) and nearly forty others who have signed a letter of support for increased NEH funding. Also, encourage your Representatives to join the newly formed bipartisan House Humanities Caucus, co-chaired by Reps. Leach and Price.

Humanities programs promote and sustain the vitality of our democracy. Please let your legislators know how much you value NEH-funded projects. If you are interested in attending Humanities Advocacy Day in 2006 please contact Joel LeMon at jmlemon@emory.edu.

NEH Annual Appropriations, FY94 to Present (in millions of dollars)

| Fiscal Year | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 00 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 |
|----------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Budget Request | 177.5 | 177.5 | 182 | 136 | 136 | 136 | 150 | 150 | 120.5 | 126.9 | 152 | 162 | 138.1 |
| Appropriation | 177.5 | 172 | 110 | 110 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 115.3 | 120 | 124.5 | 124.9 | 135.3 | 138.1 | N/A |

Note: Figures above are not adjusted for inflation. Source: National Endowment for the Humanities.

Future Annual Meetings

2006 Washington, DC - Nov. 18–21
 2007 San Diego, CA - Nov. 17–20
 2008 Boston, MA - Nov. 22–25
 2009 New Orleans, LA - Nov. 21–24
 2010 Atlanta, GA - Nov. 20–23
 2011 San Francisco, CA - Nov. 19–22
 2012 Chicago, IL - Nov. 17–20

Future International Meetings

2006 Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2–6
 2007 Ljubljana, Slovenia, July 12–20
 Vienna, Austria, July 22–25
 2008 Auckland, New Zealand, July 6–10

Upcoming Meetings

The Society invites members to join us at these future congresses.

For more information, go to www.sbl-site.org and click on "Congresses"

In the Black 2004–2005; Good Projections for 2005–2006

Our financial position is solid. After two years of deficits, we concluded Fiscal Year 2004–2005 (1 July–30 June) in the black. Our revenues exceeded our expenses by \$197,359. Our net assets at the end of the year increased from \$3,028,776 to \$3,303,064.

Book sales were down slightly for two reasons: 1) we published slightly fewer books and 2) we did not have a spring clearance sale. Contributions were up significantly because of our 125th Anniversary Campaign (2005 - \$90,472 and 2004 - \$44,547). Membership revenues were up by \$47,031 because of an increase in members. Subscriptions were essentially level (\$6,027 higher this year). Investment income was up \$186,886 from 2004.

Publications costs were down \$97,043 in large part due to efficiencies. Congresses expenses were up \$62,168 but revenues were up by \$85,216. Membership expenses were up in large part because of the capitalization related to bringing that operation in house. However, the member satisfaction from the higher level of service more than makes up for this additional expense.

A balanced operating budget is projected for FY 2005–2006. We anticipate book sales to rebound given the number of new publications and the several new programs started including the printing of out of print books and the new Brill paperbacks. Indications are that the attendance at the Philadelphia meeting will break all previous attendance records, and the Edinburgh International Meeting will probably be well attended if no new international crises develop. We will have some capitalization expenses related to congress registration software that has been purchased. The successful completion of the 125th Anniversary Campaign should also give us a boost.

Remember that your dues cover a very small portion of the total expenses. Your tax-deductible contributions are essential. Member benefits are increasing with reduced subscriptions and internet accessibility.

Thanks for your continued support.

Budget for 2005–2006

The Society's financial goal for FY 2005–2006 is to realize a balanced budget. We are putting in place operations to accomplish this goal.

Revenue

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Book Sales | \$ 400,000.00 |
| Contributions | 85,000.00 |
| Membership/Fees | 385,000.00 |
| Subscriptions | 340,000.00 |
| Congresses | 825,000.00 |
| Rental Income | 50,000.00 |
| Royalties | 90,000.00 |
| Openings | 40,000.00 |
| Fee Income | 25,000.00 |
| Investment income | 70,000.00 |
| Marketing | 210,000.00 |
| Other | 5,000.00 |

Total Revenues **\$2,525,000.00**

Expenses

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Administration | \$ 135,000.00 |
| Congresses | 790,000.00 |
| Development/PR | 85,000.00 |
| Membership | 125,000.00 |
| Professions | 55,000.00 |
| Publications | 810,000.00 |
| Regions | 50,000.00 |
| Research and Technology | 425,000.00 |
| Depreciation/Reserve | 50,000.00 |

Total Expenses **\$2,525,000.00**

Report of Independent Auditors

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Society of Biblical Literature as of June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2004, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

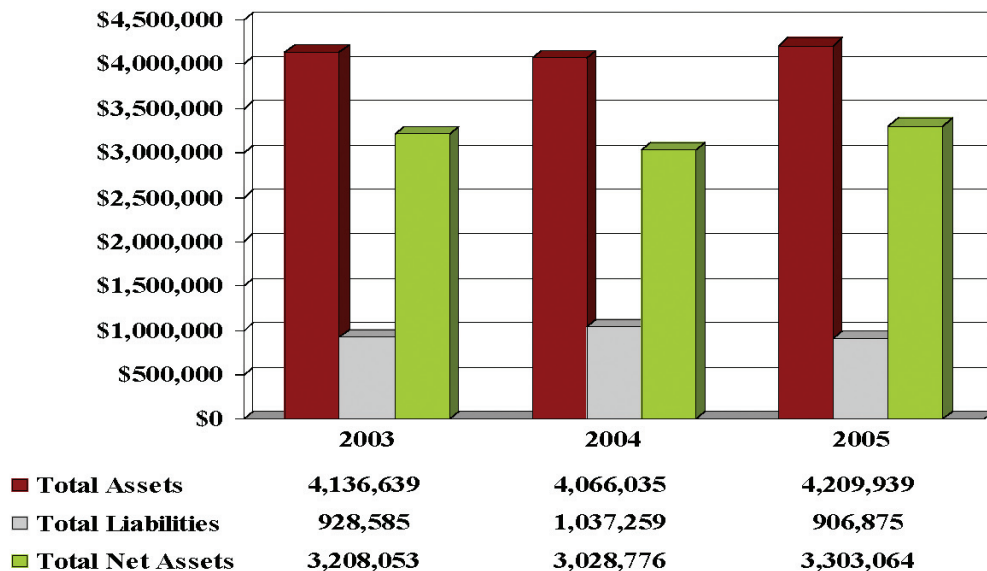
In our opinion, the 2005 and 2004 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society of Biblical Literature as of June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2004, and the changes in the net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P.
Atlanta, Georgia
August 20, 2005

Statements of Financial Position

| | 2005 | June 30, 2004 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 611,554 | \$ 821,438 |
| Marketable securities | 1,172,855 | 794,611 |
| Accounts receivable | 79,445 | 73,955 |
| Pledges receivable, net | 53,725 | - |
| Prepaid expenses | 52,391 | 67,633 |
| Book inventories, net of valuation reserve | 43,128 | 59,616 |
| Books in production | 396 | 19,156 |
| Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation | 15,195 | 16,692 |
| Net share of Luce Center assets | \$ 2,181,250 | \$ 2,212,934 |
| Total assets | \$ 4,209,939 | \$ 4,066,035 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 136,233 | \$ 190,524 |
| Deferred revenue | | |
| Rent | - | 2,320 |
| Memberships and subscriptions | 352,651 | 409,814 |
| Annual meetings | 417,991 | 434,601 |
| Total liabilities | \$ 906,875 | \$ 1,037,259 |
| Net assets | | |
| Unrestricted net assets | 2,867,988 | 2,670,629 |
| Temporarily restricted net assets | 185,076 | 108,147 |
| Permanently restricted net assets | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Total net assets | \$ 3,303,064 | \$ 3,028,776 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | \$ 4,209,939 | \$ 4,066,035 |

Statement of Financial Position Analysis



Statement of Activities

| | Year Ended June 30, | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| Changes in unrestricted net assets | | |
| Revenues and gains | | |
| Congresses | \$ 784,360 | \$ 699,144 |
| Memberships and fee income | 399,826 | 352,795 |
| Book sales | 338,514 | 393,316 |
| Subscriptions | 333,514 | 327,395 |
| Investment income | 333,422 | 121,538 |
| Marketing | 308,424 | 155,651 |
| Royalties | 176,792 | 73,994 |
| Contributions | 99,461 | 44,547 |
| Other | 90,472 | 49,006 |
| Grant income | 57,093 | - |
| Rental income, net | 34,414 | 39,490 |
| Openings | 18,283 | 29,165 |
| Net assets released from restriction | - | - |
| Total unrestricted revenues & gains | \$2,679,811 | \$2,286,041 |
| Expenses | | |
| Program expenses | | |
| Publications | 715,096 | 812,136 |
| Congresses | 913,564 | 851,396 |
| Membership | 149,831 | 89,934 |
| Professions | 47,624 | 51,073 |
| Regions | 42,582 | 51,825 |
| Research and technology | 310,922 | 370,489 |
| Total program expenses | \$2,179,619 | \$2,226,856 |
| Development and fundraising | | 106,812 |
| General administration | | 161,581 |
| Total expenses | \$2,482,452 | \$2,495,249 |
| Increase (Decrease) in unrestricted net assets | 197,359 | (209,208) |
| Change in temporarily restricted net assets | | |
| Investment income and change in market value | 23,204 | 29,931 |
| Contributions | 53,725 | - |
| Increase in temporarily restricted net assets | 76,929 | 29,931 |
| Change in net assets | 274,288 | (179,277) |
| Net assets at beginning of year | \$3,028,776 | \$3,208,053 |
| Net assets at end of year | \$3,303,064 | \$3,028,776 |

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The Council consists of fourteen members of the Society and the Executive Director. This board determines general policies and program initiatives.

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