

May 2, 2017

Dear Colleagues in the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality,

The SSCS Nominations Committee invites your input in nominating persons for two AT LARGE DIRECTORS to join the Board of Directors of the Society to replace Elizabeth Drescher and Frank McAloon, who are retiring at the end of their term. The three year positions of the new directors will begin at the Fall meeting of the American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature (AAR / SBL) in Boston through to the 2020 AAR / SBL gathering. We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our two colleagues for the service of SSCS.

The continuing Board Members are as follows:

Pieter G.R. de Villiers (President)

Bernadette Flanagan (Vice President / President-Elect)

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Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez (At Large Director 2015 - 2018)

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Douglas S. Hardy (At Large Director, 2016 - 2019)

C. Vanessa White (At Large Director, 2016- 2019)

Glenn Young and Margaret Benefiel (Co-chairs of the AAR Christian Spirituality Group)

Steven Chase, Editor of *Spiritus*

Frank McAloon *Liaison Member to the Editorial Board of the Society's journal, Spiritus until 2018*

The Nominations Committee (consisting of Colleen Mary Carpenter; Thom Parrott-Sheffer and myself) reviews all nominations and prepares a slate for election. Please send the names of nominees to Anita Houck (ahouck@stmarys.edu) by Wednesday, 31 May, 2017 together with any information (such as institutional connection; religious affiliation; research interests and contact information). Self-nominations are welcome. It is particularly important to consider the diversity and international character of the Society, arising from such events as the gatherings in Johannesburg, South Africa & Zurich, Switzerland. Thus nominations from a wider range of cultural, religious, ethnic and disciplinary perspectives are warmly welcomed.

The Board of Directors also welcomes your suggestions for topics at future meetings, for the SSCS pedagogical and experiential sessions, and for the Christian Spirituality Group sessions at AAR. Please send ideas to Bernadette Flanagan **bflanagan@wit.ie** so that we can reflect on them when we gather together in November to plan for Denver, Colorado, November 17-20, 2018.

Kindest regards

Bernadette Flanagan

Vice President / President Elect, Chair of SSCS Nominations Committee