Executive committee
Skype-meeting, August 11, 2014

Minutes

Participants: Martin M. Lintner (ESCT), President
Nancy Pineda-Madrid (CTSA), Vice President
Érico Hammes (SOTER), Vice President
Gaston Ogui Cossi (ATCB), Member
James McEvoy (ACTA), Member

1. Cathy Clifford took the minutes of the Belo Horizonte Council Meeting.

2. Martin to circulate the minutes of the Belo Horizonte Steering Committee later in the week.

3. Evaluation of the Belo Horizonte Council Meeting:
   a. Gaston: a wonderful meeting, well organized, good accommodation, excellent venue and transport, and very good liturgies. Major challenge: how to improve communication/translation.
   b. Érico: arrived Friday, good connection with SOTER, Friday and Saturday a good experience, good presentation by Bechina. It was a loss to be at such a distance from the SOTER conference.
   c. Nancy: meeting went well and generated energy; good to have women from the global south (few societies have women presidents); expanded executive a big decision; liturgies and prayers worked well, although some lay men could lead liturgies; distance from SOTER a difficulty; pastoral visits very important; regional reports worked well, although there was little discussion of those reports at the meeting; greatest challenge—language/translation.
   d. Martin: good time for discussion; missed discussion of regional reports (should keep in mind how to manage regional reports for next time); propose that each region prepares a common report; liturgy well prepared; immersion in local church excellent; language/translation a real difficulty; proposal—invite someone from the Congregation of Laity to present next time; question—what’s the result of the meeting?—How can we make the meetings more fruitful and sustainable?
   e. James (didn’t take notes on my own reflections, but they concur pretty well with the above; greatest challenge—communication/translation. Suggest: a one-page summary of every presentation in three languages).
4. Membership Inquiry: Nancy will forward to Martin extra questions about future presidents of associations.

5. Annual Newsletter: Martin will write a short newsletter, to be forwarded to Associations by the regional representatives.

6. Executive members to send a brief newsletter once a year to the Associations of their region.

7. 2014-2017 Theme: the Steering Committee discussed possible themes, and it was agreed that each member would email Martin with a 5-6 line proposal for a theme and title. Martin would then write the first draft of a proposed theme, and circulate the proposal.

8. Thanks to James’s nephew Tim for putting up the regional reports on the website. Thanks especially to Martin for the wonderful work on the website. Each Steering Committee would write a brief CV for the website, and forward to Martin.

9. Martin to work with Gunter on a Facebook presence for INSeCT.

10. Martin will send out accounts for membership fees in 2014.

11. There is ongoing conversation at Boston College about managing the account for INSeCT.

12. Fundraising for the 2017 Meeting:
   a. Martin asks all the members to explore if in their regions are foundations who can be asked for fundraising for the Council Meeting in 2017. In Europe he will approach the Missio and the Adveniat Foundation.
   b. Nancy asked Martin to ensure that the 2014 donors had a copy of our budget.
   c. Nancy tells us that she and Catherine Clifford are pursuing Porticus in order that Porticus gets to know INSeCT & its goals, etc. Nancy asks us to give her some inputs in this regard.

13. Goals and Mandate of INSeCT: discussion of this matter was deferred to a later meeting, due to the limitations of time.

14. The Visibility of INSeCT:
   a. Newsletters and Facebook (see above); invite members to follow our blog.
   b. Supporting societies in the global south: James to speak with members from Philippines and India; Erico said that many South American countries have strong associations, but that it was important to work at networking; Gaston reflected on how INSeCT could link with ATA.

15. Steering Committee Members’ Expectations—issue deferred to future meeting.

16. Skype Meeting with Presidents of Member Associations: it was decided that each region would work toward a Skype meeting of Presidents of associations in their regions, for November.
17. Steering Committee to meet in Rome in July 2015: arrive on July 27, meet 28-30, leave 31. Martin to ask Monsignor Friedrich Bechina if he could organize accommodation in Santa Martha.

18. It was agreed that would fund and that the following would purchase and present a gift to the previous Steering Committee: Nancy for Cathy Clifford, Martin for Eamonn Conway, and Erico for Valmor da Silva.

19. The meeting discussed whether the Philippines or South Africa would be the best venue for the 2017 meeting; the issue was not resolved.

20. Martin drew the meeting to a close.

Secretary: James