

DRTS NEWSLETTER

The Dutch Reformed Translation Society

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“The Heritage of the Ages for Today”

DRTS Board News

As it usually does annually, your board met twice during 2020. Cautious and hampered by the Covid-19 virus, it met both times at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, where it took advantage of the school’s excellent technology capabilities. Accordingly, almost half the board members elected to attend via ZOOM. Those who met in person came masked and stayed sanitized!

As a board we are grateful to PRTS for making their facilities available to us for our meetings this year.

At the June 6 meeting, board members James Kinney, Richard Muller, and Donald Sinnema were elected to new three-year terms after being vetted by the nominating committee once again and after expressing their willingness to continue serving. We are grateful for their past and on-going expertise.

At the same meeting, the board elected the following members as their officers for the prescribed one-year terms:

Adriaan Neele, President

Joel Beeke, Vice-president

Ronald Cammenga, Secretary

Peter Vander Schaaf, Treasurer

Vander Schaaf took over duties from Henry I. Witte in the fall of 2019 as reported in last year’s newsletter. Neele replaces James A. De Jong, who had served as board president for twenty years and had been emphasizing recently that the time had come for him to step aside. The board adopted a resolution of appreciation for De Jong’s leadership as president. He continues to serve as a board member.

“New Directions?”

Within a month, Adriaan Neele had formulated a reflections paper entitled “Dutch Reformed Translation Society—New Directions?” It presented three options for the next ten years: 1) “Continue as is,” 2) “Close Down,” and 3) develop a “New Vision.” The reflections offered considerations for and against each option.

Neele then met individually with select board members to receive and assess their reactions and ideas. Subsequently he tweaked the paper and distributed it for consideration at the fall meeting, held on October 14.

The bulk of that meeting was devoted to discussing the paper. In that discussion there was no sentiment expressed for the option to “Close Down.”

Incisive questions and assessments were aired on details with respect to the first and third options. Problems related to details of both options were raised and discussed. No substantive conclusions were reached. But the board did pass a motion to “move in the direction of Option 3” (Board minute #679.) After soliciting volunteers to serve on a committee “to bring to the next board meeting specific recommendations to implement the future direction in which we will move,” he designated two members to serve with him on this committee.

The spring meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021.

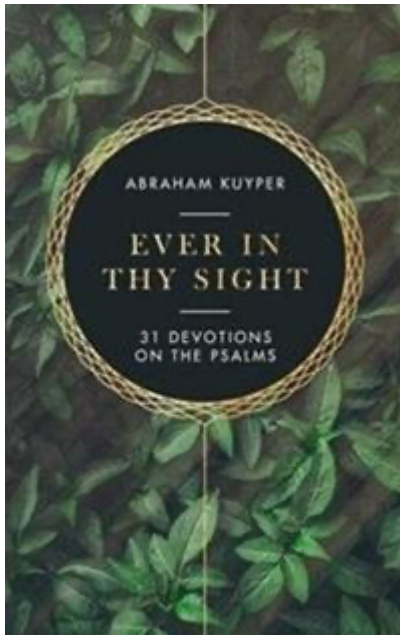
Members interested in offering suggestions on possible new directions or emphases are welcome to express them to the board.

Ever in Thy Sight

One new publication specifically under the auspices of the society appeared in print in February of this year. *Ever in Thy Sight* is a republication in paperback of the thirty-one meditations by Abraham Kuyper's Psalm text meditations as found in *Honey From the Rock*. Lexham Press, the publisher, believes that a market exists for this discrete collection of Kuyper meditations.

The book can be purchased at the members' 50% discount from Reformation Heritage Books.

Complimentary copies were not distributed to DRTS patron members because they already have this material in the hardcover volume in which they first appeared.



Volume three of Petrus Van Mastricht's *Theoretical-Practical Theology* is now slated to appear in early 2021. It was expected this year, but adjustments in editors' schedules have delayed the appearance by several months.

Lectures on Natural Law by Geerhardus Vos has been translated, edited, provided with an introduction and should be at the printer as this newsletter is being prepared. It also will be available early next year.

While Herman Bavinck's *Reformed Ethics* is not copyrighted by DRTS, the three volume project has been heavily subsidized by our society. Volume 1 appeared last year. Volume 2 should appear in 2021 or early 2022, and the third volume a year or two later. Copies are available at the members' discount.

Translation work on Kuyper's *Good Days for God News* continues to progress.

Reminders

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