



**Minutes of the Religion & Education Virtual Business Meeting**  
Sunday, April 11, 2021 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm EDT

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**Reporting on SIG Business:** Dr. Nathan C. Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. He presented the Treasurer’s Report (attached) on behalf of Dr. Shereen Bhalla, and the Program Chair’s Report on behalf of Dr. Charles J. Russo and Dr. P. Jesse Rine. He issued a call for reviewers for the 2022 annual meeting.

**Bylaws Proposal Approved:** Dr. Kate E. Soules, Assistant Chair, presented the SIG Executive Committee’s proposal to amend the Bylaws. The motion was received by Dr. Charles J. Russo and seconded by Dr. Gayle Pagnoni. Without any discussion, the SIG members used the chat to record their unanimous approval.

**Award Ceremony:** On behalf of Dr. Michael D. Waggoner, Dr. Nathan C. Walker, presented the Distinguished Scholar Award to Dr. Charles J. Russo, followed by the awardee’s presentation. On behalf of Dr. Kevin J. Burke and Chris Olshefki, Walker presented the **Emerging Scholar Award** to Dr. Kate E. Soules

**Members’ Accomplishments:** Dr. Gayle Pagnoni, Executive Committee member, presented the 2021 annual newsletter featuring members’ accomplishments.

**Announcements:** Members shared via chat announcements from journal editors, book editors, and publishers. The SIG thanked outgoing board members Dr. Nathan C. Walker, Chair, Dr. Ilana Horwitz, Executive Committee Member, and Chris Olshefki *Graduate Student Representative*. The SIG congratulated the following leaders for being elected to the Executive Committee for the 2021-2022 year: Dr. Shereen Bhalla, Secretary/Treasurer (5/1/2021 – 4/30/2022); Dr. Gayle Pagnoni, Executive Committee Member (5/1/2021 – 4/30/2022); and Dr. Allie Blosser, Executive Committee Member (5/1/2021 – 4/30/2022). The SIG announced the call for nominations for the May 2021 Special Election for Assistant Chair/ Chair Elect 2021–2023 (elected by SIG members), and Graduate Student Liaison 2021–2022 (appointed by board).

**Adjourned.** The meeting was adjourned, and members were invited to join the SIG next year in San Diego, California, Friday, April 22 to Monday, April 25, 2022.

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