Meet the Class of 2021 ASA/CSCA Fellows

The ASA/CSCA selects its Fellows from among our members who have been part of the organization for five years or more and demonstrate a commitment to Christian service at work, at home, and through participating in ASA/CSCA events and publications. Read the brief profiles below, and join us in congratulating them!

Chris Barrigar
Chris Barrigar is Pastor of the Church of St. Mark & St. Peter, Montreal. He holds a PhD in Philosophy from McGill University and is a member or past member of various academic societies, including the Society of Christian Philosophers, the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, and the North American Society for Social Philosophy.

Chris is author of Freedom All the Way Up: God and the Meaning of Life in a Scientific Age (Friesen, 2017), and serves as Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith Book Review Subject Editor for books in Bible, theology, and philosophy.

Mike Beidler
A retired US Navy commander and former civilian Deputy Director for International Affairs for the Department of the Navy, Mike Beidler resides in the Washington DC Metro Area and currently works as a US Department of Defense contractor. Mike holds an MS in Global Leadership (University of San Diego), a BA in Political Science (University of Michigan), and an AA in Persian-Farsi (US Army’s Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center).

Mike—a registered tribal citizen of Cherokee Nation, which has its own beautiful creation stories!—is president of the Washington DC chapter of the ASA, a lifetime member of the National Center for Science Education (NCSE), a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and a Fellow of the C. S. Lewis Institute.

Hank Bestman
Born and raised in a small rural village in the Netherlands, Hank Bestman at age 19 came to Canada, with plans to return to his birth country after two years. But God had different plans. He ended up graduating from Dordt College (now Dordt University) and completing a MSc and PhD degree in Weed Science at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Hank served as a faculty member at The King’s University in Edmonton for twenty-four years, teaching biology, biochemistry, and mathematical modeling courses, and conducting research with senior undergraduate students. In 2011, he was appointed Vice President of Academic and Research at King’s, a position he retired from in September 2020. His current research interests are centered on systems biology.

Wayne Dawson
For the last 25 years, Wayne Dawson has been living and working in Japan. He has also lived and worked in Poland for three years. His main focus is in biotechnology, developing software for prediction of RNA and protein structure. He is also studying chemical reactions using quantum chemistry. At his church, he regularly contributes his musical skills in the worship service and participates in its prison ministry.

Through this journey in a foreign land, Wayne has gradually grasped how important it is to depend on the Lord for the wisdom he needs to deal with day-to-day matters, to serve in worship as a musician, and to explore the heavens as a scientist.

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Dear Friends,

December is here and we are slipping into winter once again, our second under this COVID cloud. What brings us hope? Certainly, the lengthening nights that are poised to turn is one sign. Increasingly longer daylight will greet us each morning, bringing with it a promise of new life. Yet the pandemic lags and nags at us relentlessly.

But COVID is only a part of our story. Light and life are markers of the season too. We are celebrating the story that God has not left us alone. While these certainly are challenging times, “yet in the dark streets shineth, the everlasting light” has come into our world. God in Christ has redeemed and embraced us, declaring us friends. And now, more than ever we need friends! Job knew that, and so did Augustine.

As James K.A. Smith reminds us,

“The true friend is the other who has the courage to impose a conviction, who paints a substantive picture of the good, who prods and prompts you to change course and chase it … [and] promises to join you along the way. (On the Road with Saint Augustine [Brazos Press, 2019], p. 134)

Wow, that is a friend! In the ASA, we are finding ourselves in a true community of friends. Together, with humility and deference, we are learning to serve one another and encourage each other in our respective calling and gift-giving.

Society today thinks of professional and vocational work in highly individualistic terms. But the gifts given by the Spirit, while expressed through individuals, are shaped through our relationships in both scientific and church communities. We are gifted, as Paul reminded us, for the “common good” (1 Cor. 12:7). This is one of the many lessons that COVID is teaching us—again.

This fall the Executive Council continued in a broad strategic exercise. We asked generative questions and stretching our thinking—who is an ASA member? how do we express our mission? and how is the ASA essential to the kingdom? Later this winter, we will open the search for new executive leadership.

The work of the council is leveraged by standing and ad hoc committees. Earlier this month, the ASA prayer committee met to pray for our members and our strategic work. All of us face demanding routines and finding moments for quiet contemplation and prayer is increasingly challenging. One tangible way we can support each other is through prayer. The committee maintains an ongoing request list between the quarterly meetings. If you have a need, or would like to join a meeting, please let us know.

We are looking forward to our 2022 Winter Symposium, featuring a conversation with Philip Yancey. Philip’s writing has inspired millions and centers on two great themes—suffering and grace. He will be helping us think about “God, Science, and the Pandemic.” This talk, and the expert panel discussion to follow, will be an opportunity for you to invite your friends, colleagues, and pastor to join in this critical conversation. Mark your calendar for January 29 at Noon EST / 9 am PST.

All of us on the team at ASA are wishing you a joyous Christmas holiday.

Immanuel,

John Wood

At Newburyport, MA, boardwalk (l to r): Terry Gray, Dominic Halsmer, Michael Everest, Lyn Berg, Janel Curry, John Wood, Bill Jordan, Vicki Best
Danilo R. Diedrichs
Danilo R. Diedrichs is an associate professor of mathematics at Wheaton College, Illinois, with research interests in the mathematical modeling of dynamical systems in biology, ecology, and epidemiology. Raised and educated in Switzerland, he holds a PhD in applied mathematical and computational sciences from the University of Iowa, as well as a master’s degree in civil engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Becky Eggimann
Becky Eggimann is Dean of Natural Sciences at Wheaton College, Illinois. She earned her PhD in Chemistry at the University of Minnesota and her BS in Chemistry at Wheaton College. Her research involves using molecular simulations, primarily Monte Carlo methods, to investigate the microscopic properties of interesting aqueous systems. Apart from research and teaching, Becky enjoys spending time with friends and being a part of the Wheaton community.

Dillard Faries
Dillard Faries served for 39 years in the physics department at Wheaton College after earning degrees at Rice University (BA) and Berkeley (PhD). His book, Amazing Grace of Quantum Physics (Pickwick Publications, 2017), represents a major interest in the concepts of the quantum world and their potential effects for our faith. His greatest pride is in the accomplishments of his students, especially in the range of fields, with students returning to teach at Wheaton in a dozen departments. Physics is fortunately one of those departments, but a dose of physics for other departments is hopefully also good. He is grateful for the quality of students which Wheaton attracts and for the excellent programs Wheaton supports.

Stephen Freeland
Stephen Freeland is a professor of biology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). His research uses computer science to investigate chemical structures at the heart of biochemistry. Building from a BS in zoology (Oxford), a MS in computer science (University of York), and a PhD in genetics (Cambridge University), his personal research came to focus upon the early evolution of life on our planet. After a postdoctoral fellowship to Princeton, Steve worked for eight years as a biology professor at UMBC before leaving to serve for four years as project manager for the University of Hawaii node of the NASA Astrobiology Institute. There he worked to facilitate collaboration between scientists from diverse disciplines investigating the origin, distribution, and evolution of life in the universe. In 2013, he returned to UMBC in order to direct one of the oldest interdisciplinary studies programs in the country, while continuing his cheminformatics research.

Joel B. Green
Joel B. Green holds the PhD in New Testament from the University of Aberdeen. He also completed graduate work in the neurosciences at the University of Kentucky. Green has published a number of books, chapters, and essays on issues related to the nature of the human person, including Body, Soul, and Human Life: The Nature of Humanity in the Bible, Studies in Theological Interpretation (Baker Academic, 2008). Otherwise, he is known for his extensive work in the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts, and in theological interpretation of scripture. Joel is currently Associate Dean for the Center for Advanced Theological Studies and Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Mathis Hodge
Mathis Hodge has an intimate relationship with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, walking daily, led by his Word and the Holy Spirit. She earned a BSc in Marine Science Biology track from Eckerd College, an MSc from Virginia Tech and a PhD from Oklahoma State University, both in Chemistry, and instructs, manages, and supports chemistry labs at New College of Florida. Mathis enjoys fellowship and serving at her Christian Reformed church. She also enjoys writing, reading, walking, light weights and calisthenics, gardening, the beach, kites, swimming, sailing, fishing, and biking.

Charles E. Hunt
Charles E. Hunt completed his PhD in Electrical Engineering and since that time he has been a professor at UC Davis, teaching solid-state device physics and IC fabrication technology. His research is in the area of electronic materials and devices, focusing on sustainable energy production and power utilization. He serves as Lab Faculty at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, working with target diagnostics for the National Ignition Facility. Dozens of MS and PhD students have graduated under his advice. Beyond approximately 200 peer-reviewed publications, books, and patents in engineering, Charles recently published a first book on faith: a memoir, Miracles in My Life (Kharis Publishing, 2020). He teaches on the Bible at University Covenant Church in Davis.

Debra A. Schwinn
Debra A. Schwinn, MD, is president of Palm Beach Atlantic (PBA) University. Prior to PBA, Debra was Associate Vice President for Medical Affairs, Dean of the Carver College of Medicine, and Professor of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology, and Biochemistry at the University of Iowa. After earning a degree in chemistry from the College of Wooster, Debra earned her medical degree from the Stanford University School of Medicine where she has also been honored as a distinguished alumna. A physician scientist and member of the National Academy of Medicine, her molecular pharmacology laboratory was funded for almost three decades by the National Institutes of Health.

Debra was drawn to PBA because of its caring community, academic strength, and innovation in the institutional DNA! On a more personal note, her interests include CrossFit, reading, and violin.

S. Joshua Swamidass
S. Joshua Swamidass, MD, PhD, is a physician, scientist, and founder of Peaceful Science, and a speaker for the Veritas Forums. He is an associate professor at Washington University in Saint Louis where he runs a computational biology group, using artificial intelligence to explore science at the intersection of biology, chemistry, and medicine. Josh is also the author of The Genealogical Adam and Eve (IVP Academic, 2021).

Michael Tenneson
Michael Tenneson (PhD, Curriculum and Instruction: Science Education, University of Missouri; MS, Biology/Statistics, University of North Dakota; MA, Missiology/Biblical Literature, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary; and BA, Biology, UCLA) is a professor of biology and chair of the Department of Natural and Applied Sciences at Evangel University, where he has taught for more than 30 years. Initially trained as a field behavioral ecologist, he has done field research on birds, frogs, porcupines, lizards, and snails. His current research examines attitudes and beliefs of people related to science and theology. He is using the origins debate to teach critical thinking.

Peter Walhout
Peter Walhout is Chair of the Department of Chemistry at Wheaton College, Illinois. His current research interest lies in the area of polyelectrolyte multilayer thin films (PMLs). This research combines his interest in spectroscopy and polymers. His ultrafast thesis work at Minnesota under Paul Barbara was titled “Ultrafast Studies of Radical Anions in Solution.” This was followed by a post-doctoral appointment at the University of Wisconsin working with Mark Ediger in the area of polymer dynamics. He is active in his local church where he sings in the choir. He also enjoys watching and playing many sports.

Annual Fund Update
In this season of giving, we are grateful for every gift—no matter the size. More important to us is participation, and we are seeking 100% participation. Would you consider making a donation today? You can do so at https://network.asa3.org/donations/donate.asp?id=11992.

Goal
$175,000
$235,000
Gifts received
$60k needed to reach our goal
Leadership Team Travels

Vicki Best

While John and I have seen each other almost every day over Zoom, it had been 19 months since we were together face-to-face. Our first ASA trip in the wake of the pandemic was to the beautiful Rocky Mountain state in mid-October. We had two successful chapter meetings (Rocky Mountain Chapter and CCU Student Chapter) at Colorado Christian University which were well attended. In addition to John giving a talk on “Fear, Death and Doxology—In the Beginning Was Fear,” we had the opportunity to provide a state-of-the-ASA update, engage with chapter leaders, and hear from our members. Also, we enjoyed visiting with several members at Colorado State University and vicinity, exploring the possibility of a new chapter in that area. We are grateful to Ken and Cheryl Touryan and Lynn Billman for their most gracious hospitality to us.

Then right before Thanksgiving, we had the pleasure of traveling to West Michigan and Chicago. In a first ever, CWiS (Christian Women in Science) affiliate group and the West Michigan chapter held a joint event at Calvin College. We viewed the NOVA film Picture a Scientist and Executive Council member Janel Curry moderated a panel with ASA members and friends: Dot Chappell, Ryan Bebej, Stan Hahn, and Jennifer Van Antwerp. Janel and the panel did an excellent job providing new perspectives on how to make science more diverse, equitable, and open to all. Additionally, Janel hosted the CWiS leadership team of Loryn Phillips, Veronica Frans, Dana Oleskiewicz, Becky English, and Dot Chappell at her lovely home in Grand Rapids. We spent time both in strategic planning and in community and prayer; a nice combination of work and fun! John and I also had the opportunity to conduct some key meetings at Hope College and in the Grand Rapids area with ASA members and partner organization leaders.

From there, we traveled south to the Windy City and spent a few days in the Chicago suburbs. It was good to be back on Wheaton’s campus, our first time since ASA 2019, connecting with ASA members and Fellows. Since ASA has roots at Wheaton and it was the venue of our first annual meeting in 1946, it’s always special to be there. We also spent some time at the Billy Graham Center, combing the ASA archives and historical records. While we could have spent days there studying our fascinating history, it was confirmed that the mission and vision of our founding fathers in 1941 is still the mission and vision that exists in 2021!

All in all, it is terrifying being back in-person engaging with our members and living out the three elements of the ASA mission: scholarship, professional/leadership development, and fellowship. As we conscientiously study the COVID protocols region by region, we will cautiously plan further travel in the new year. God made us to be in authentic Christian community, and it feels really good to be back face-to-face with our members and friends!

Washington DC chapter hosts a Zoom-based panel discussion

Mike Beidler

On October 29, 2021, ASA’s Washington DC chapter hosted a Zoom-based panel discussion titled Five Years after The Grand Canyon, Monument to an Ancient Earth, which featured editors of and contributors to The Grand Canyon, Monument to an Ancient Earth: Can Noah’s Flood Explain the Grand Canyon? (Kregel Publications, 2016) to talk about the book’s origin and its impact and reception in the church, by other “origins” organizations, and by their non-Christian colleagues.

Planning began in earnest several months prior to the meeting, and editor, geologist, and ASA Fellow Ken Wolgemuth (Adjunct Professor, University of Tulsa) was instrumental in reaching out to his colleagues to gauge their interest. Initially hoping for three or four panelists, Ken and the Washington DC chapter officers were pleasantly surprised to have nine of the book’s eleven editors/contributors, known affectionately as the “Canyon’s 11,” participate on the panel. In addition to Ken, the other panelists were:

- Geologist and ASA Fellow Gregg Davidson (Professor and Chair of Geology & Geological Engineering, University of Mississippi)
- Biologist Joel Duff (Professor of Biology, University of Akron)
- Hydrologist and ASA member Tim Helble (National Weather Service, retired)
- Geologist and ASA Fellow Carol Hill (Adjunct Professor, University of New Mexico)
- Geologist, ASA Fellow, and former ASA Executive Council President Stephen Mosher (Professor of Geology and Chair of the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, Wheaton College)
- Grand Canyon Trail Guide Wayne Ranney (BS/MS Geology, Northern Arizona University)
- Paleontologist and ASA Fellow Ralph Stearley (Professor Emeritus, Calvin University)
- Planetary Scientist and ASA Fellow Roger Wiens (Los Alamos Laboratory)

The panel discussion began with Washington DC Chapter President and co-moderator Mike Beidler asking editor Carol Hill to provide a comprehensive recounting of how the idea for the book came about and the many connections she had to make to obtain some of the best contributors possible to refute the claims of young-earth creationist Flood Geology. Note were the contributions of Tim Helble, who not only developed most of the book’s graphics but served as the book’s photography editor and compiled a list of the most common and important Flood Geology claims that the book addressed. Also of note was Gregg Davidson’s careful outlining of the book’s contents, logical argument flow, and oversight of making the book’s numerous contributors speak with one literary voice.

Co-moderator and Washington DC Chapter Vice President Sy Garte solicited responses from editor/contributor Ken Wolgemuth and contributors Wayne Ranney, Stephen Mosher, Joel Duff, Roger Wiens, and Ralph Stearley regarding the book’s impact in the five years since its publication. Wayne revealed that the Grand Canyon Conservancy, the Grand Canyon National Park’s official nonprofit partner which provides premier educational programs about the region’s natural and cultural history, has undertaken special efforts to ensure that The Grand Canyon remains available for purchase in retail shops within the park—a testament to both the book’s importance and quality. We also learned about the effort to craft a compelling and non-offensive subtitle (Can Noah’s Flood Explain the Grand Canyon?) to ensure broader reception both within the church (to include homeschooling parents) and outside the church (to include the nonreligious Geological Society of America).

After the first 60 minutes, the panelists spent an additional 45 minutes fielding questions from the audience. The moderators also set aside time to highlight new and well-received books authored by Carol Hill (A Worldview Approach to Science and Scripture, Kregel Publications, 2019) and Gregg Davidson (The Manifold Beauty of Genesis One, Kregel Academic, 2021).

The recorded panel discussion and Q&A lasted just over two hours and was followed by another hour of (unrecorded) socialization and networking. The Grand Canyon’s editors’ and contributors’ joy of being “together” on the same “stage” for the first time since the book’s publication was palpable and infectious, making for an altogether delightful evening.
Roundtable Event with Guest Speaker Henry Schaefer

Evangeline Cornwell

After several semesters of being restricted to Zoom online meetings, it was a joy and privilege this past September for the ASA Gordon College Student Chapter, led by Chapter President Matthew Ravichandran, and the Boston ASA Chapter, led by Michael Paul, to host a Roundtable dinner and discussion with ASA Fellow Henry “Fritz” Schaefer at his first in-person speaking engagement since the beginning of the pandemic. Fritz, a graduate from MIT and Stanford University, taught at UC-Berkeley for 18 years, and then served as the inaugural director for the University of Texas-Austin campus Institute for Theoretical Chemistry for one year before moving to the University of Georgia (UGA). He currently serves as the UGA Graham Perdue Professor of Chemistry and the Director of the Center for Computational Quantum Chemistry. In 2019, he was awarded the American Institute of Chemists Gold Medal. He is currently one of the most-cited chemists in the world, with a Thomson Reuters H-Index value of 121, and is a strong contender for the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the chemical structure of methylene, the singlet-triplet separation of methylene, the quadrupole moment of ozone, the infrared spectrum of benzyne and other predictions.

Before an attentive audience of approximately 85 students, faculty, and Boston Chapter members, Fritz shared a compelling personal testimony that his most important discovery—despite the honors and distinctions he has received in his professional career—is his discovery of Jesus Christ.

Students were drawn in by Fritz’s personal stories. He described how he had been a good student in high school, but had a difficult transition during his first year at MIT. He shared how he became one of the best students at MIT during his second year, surpassing students who had done well during the first year, because he had learned how to study the material. He amused his audience by sharing how he was directed by one of his early professors toward computational and theoretical work after causing a minor explosion in a fume hood inside a lab. He delighted his audience by recounting how he ended up at Stanford University instead of Caltech for graduate school because he wanted to marry a homecoming queen, and Stanford University provided an art history program for his future wife. He captivated his audience with tales of how he courageously went against the prevailing hypotheses regarding a linear chemical structure for methylene and by publishing a bent chemical structure for methylene, potentially jeopardizing his entire career. He shows the same boldness now in declaring Jesus Christ to be first in his life, and he is not fazed by colleagues or students who reject him or his work because of his profession of being a Christ-follower.

We enjoyed robust conversation over dinner about Fritz’s professional career and personal narrative, followed by an engaging question-and-answer session. After the event, many students eagerly shared how inspired and blessed they were by Fritz’s life history and personal testimony. A recording of the lecture and discussion session will be available soon on the Gordon College website. We look forward to the next Roundtable dinner discussion!

Brown Bag Lunch with the ASA

Becky English

This fall ASA hosted two Brown Bag Lunch (BBL) meetings: one on October 28 with ASA Fellow Annabelle Pratt, “Modernizing the Electric Grid: Why and How,” her plenary talk at the 2017 ASA Annual Meeting at the Colorado School of Mines; and one on Thursday, November 18 with ASA member Erin Smith, “Data don’t speak, people do: How to have better conversations about science and faith,” an expanded version of her presentation at the 2021 ASA Virtual Annual Meeting. We recorded three BBL meetings in 2021. They can be viewed on the ASA YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/c/AmericanScientificAffiliation/videos.

The online BBL format includes watching a previously recorded 30–40-min. video on a “hot” topic followed by live Q&A with the speaker. We schedule BBL meetings for 2 pm ET / 11 am PT so that attendees can join from wherever during their lunchtime. Watch for more BBL meetings in 2022!

CWiS Leadership Retreat

Janel Curry

The Christian Women in Science (CWiS) affiliate group of the ASA held a retreat at the home of Janel Curry in Grand Rapids, Michigan, over the weekend of November 12-14. The multigenerational leadership group included Loryn Phillips, Veronica Frans, Dot Chappell, Dana Oleskiewicz, Vicki Best, Janel Curry, and Becky English. The retreat allowed the group to build trust as they solidified the CWiS mission, values, and goals as well as plan activities for the coming year.

The group partnered with the ASA West Michigan chapter to hold a viewing and panel discussion around the NOVA film, Picture a Scientist, on November 13 at Calvin University. Prayer, laughter, and sharing bathed the weekend which was particularly joyous after the long isolation of COVID.
A PROFILE OF TRANSFORMATION

Name: Peter Story
Hometown: Worcester, MA
Profession: Visiting Assistant Professor, Clark University
ASA Affiliation: Member/Boston Chapter member
Hobbies: Reading science-fiction, playing video games, and exploring the greater Worcester area with my wife
Favorite Pro Sports Team: Worcester Red Sox

When did you first discover American Scientific Affiliation (ASA)?
I have known about the ASA for as long as I can remember, since both my parents (Craig and Kelly Story) have been involved for many years.

Which recent ASA events have been particularly meaningful to you?
The ASA Winter Symposium, held in January, was very encouraging. It was great to hear from Francis Collins, who has been such an effective figure in public health and such a wonderful Christian witness. I remember him performing a touching song. That was around the time that we entered a more hopeful phase of the pandemic, so that event marks that time in my memory.

What field of science do you work in? How do your faith and scientific disciplines intersect?
I am a computer scientist, and I earned my PhD in Societal Computing. Computer scientists think a lot about how to build technology (for example, writing software that is easy to use, maintainable, etc.). As illustrated by Grace Lew’s article in the December 2021 issue of PSCF, how we build technology does intersect with our faith. I think Christians can also contribute a unique perspective on what we should build. As a Christian, I feel called to build a world that embodies the kingdom of God. As a computer scientist, that means thinking about the likely effects of the technologies I build (for example, will my app spread shalom or division?). For more on this topic, I recommend Langdon Winner’s seminal article, “Do artifacts have politics?”

How long have you been a member/donor and what has ASA meant to you?
I have been a student member of the ASA through my undergraduate and graduate studies. After earning my PhD this year, I am proud to have joined the ASA as a full (and paying) member!

What do our friends and financial partners need to know about how ASA is making a difference?
The ASA does amazing work toward integrating faith and science! Clearly, this has never been more important for our society. If you support this work, you should definitely find a way to contribute to the ASA, whether that be financially, through time, or through prayer.

An important focus of the meeting was the sharing of plans and needs around the 2023 ASA Annual Meeting. It will be hosted in Canada that year, in part to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the CSA. A “Celebration Committee” is being established to plan activities for the year, as well as special events for the AGM. A specific venue is being considered, but at this point the geographic target is within the Toronto / Hamilton / Waterloo triangle of Southern Ontario. We are pleased to announce that the Program Cochairs have been selected: Robert Mann and Janet Warren.

Two upcoming ASA events were promoted as well: the 2022 Winter Symposium on January 29 with Philip Yancey, and the 2022 ASA Annual Meeting in San Diego (finally, and hopefully!) in July. ASA Director of Operations and Development Vicki Best brought greetings from the ASA and Interim Executive Director John Wood. She spoke of the improved collaborative interactions between the ASA and the CSA. As a specific example she commended the work of CSA employee Mark McEwan, who also works with the ASA team. Much of the successful programming and communications of the ASA throughout the pandemic is thanks to Mark’s technical expertise.

Online events were held this fall by the Montreal, Hamilton, Waterloo, and Vancouver chapters, most of which are now on our YouTube channel. Our first in-person event since March 2020 was held in a co-sponsored book launch at Trinity Western University featuring Dennis Venema’s Biology, Religion, and Philosophy (Cambridge University Press, with co-author Michael Peterson). The 40 attendees (all fully vaccinated and wearing masks, per BC health regulations) were excited to be able to gather once again, and another 90 joined in via Zoom from near and far.

The CSCA held its annual meeting on November 12, 2021, via Zoom. There were thirty-five members in attendance, plus a number of guests and Vicki Best representing the ASA. The meeting commenced with around 80 in attendance with a talk by Rebecca Dielschneider, Associate Professor of Biology, Providence University College in Manitoba. Rebecca is the local coordinator for our Winnipeg Chapter. She spoke on the topic “Science Communication during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Her focus was on the lessons we can take away from the pandemic to help improve communications efforts and build trust. She used Galatians 5:22–26 to define an approach that is Honest, Humble, Emotional, Empathetic, Clear, Concise (“Give them HHECC”). Rebecca’s talk was a good example—it was clear, concise, humble, and very timely and useful.

Reports from Executive Director Arnold Sikkema and President Patrick Franklin were received. They both thanked Mike Werth, who soon completes his three-year term as treasurer. Mike did a wonderful job in updating the CSCA’s accounting procedures, and working with local chapter needs. This change provides an opportunity for reviewing bookkeeping needs and procedures with the ASA. Arnold also noted the formal change in title for our valuable employee (part time), Mark McEwan to “Digital Media and Communications Specialist.” Patrick offered congratulations to two CSCA members who became ASA Fellows in 2021: Hank Bestman and Chris Barrigar.
We are thrilled to report a total of 59 chapter and affiliate events in 2021, representing 20 of the 36 ASA chapters. These events were in addition to the Winter Symposium in which most of the chapters participated. Several of the meetings were done in partnership with another chapter. Most of them were virtual, although a few chapters presented in-person seminars or held outdoor gatherings. A total of 1,541 members and friends participated throughout the year.

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