State of the ASA

ASA 2023—University of Toronto Mississauga

July 30, 2023, 7:30–9:00 PM
Agenda

Board Chair’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
Executive Team Report
Class of 2023 Fellows
Longstanding Members
Remembrances

CWiS Awards
Student and Campus Minister Awards
Scholarship Recipients and Appeal
Next Annual Meeting
  • ASA 2024 – Washington, DC
Q&A
State of the ASA

Michael Everest
Board of Directors Chair
Board Chair Report

First “Chair” ever!

... almost
Westmont College 1997

Elected Chair in April 2023

Elected “Chairman” in Sept. 1941

First Constitution in May 1942 lists officers as “President”
Your ASA Board of Directors
2023–2024

Michael Everest  Se Kim  Effat Zeidan  Dominic Halsmer  Mike Beidler  Kathryn Applegate  Robert Geddes
News from your Board

• Long, gradual transition
  • from “Working Board” with a small staff
  • to a “Policy Board” with larger more professional staff
• Shared Leadership Model:
  President and Executive Vice President
• Board Manual
• Code of Conduct
The Board Safeguards the Mission

Article I: NAME, OBJECTIVES, AND STATUS

... Section 2: The objectives of The American Scientific Affiliation (hereafter, the ASA) shall be
A. to integrate and to interpret the discoveries of the natural and social sciences with the insights derived from Scripture and Christian theology;
B. to communicate scientific knowledge, ethical concerns, and the results of this integration and interpretation to the public, the scientific community, and the church—promoting understanding and dialogue among these groups;
C. to provide a community of fellowship for Christians involved in science and related fields; and
D. to engage scientific colleagues in matters of faith and scholarship.
**Mission**
The mission of the ASA is interpreting, integrating, and communicating the discoveries of science with insights of Scripture and Christian theology.

**Vision**
Serving our members in expressing their vocational gifting and call from God in service to society, science, the church, and one another.

**Values**
Excellence in scholarship. A professional identity informed by the historic creeds of the Church.
Growing as a generative, redemptive community.
Who Needs the ASA?

1. Young believers
   It is possible to be a Christian and a Scientist!

2. Scientists in secular universities and industry
   Fellowship!

3. Scientists in Christian Colleges
   Scholarship and Professional Development!

4. The Church
   Maintain a credible witness!

The ASA needs you to make this happen!
2022–2023 Financial Highlights

• Split roles/duties of Treasurer and Secretary

• Kicked Off the Legacy Campaign Public Phase
  • Legacy Campaign status (as of July 2023): $3.2M

• Continued membership in the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA)

• Adopted a 3-month Operational Cash Reserve Policy to provide organizational stability
  • Goal by 31 March 2028: $180K
  • Current reserve: $48K → funded $30K loss partially due to lower-than-anticipated ASA 2022 attendance
2022–2023 Financial Highlights

• Decreased *PSCF* printing/publication expenses
  • Reduction in academic institution print subscriptions
  • Moving to 3 issues/year model without sacrificing content

• Increased dues to align with other analogous professional organizations

• Investment in creating an increasingly professional staff
FY23 Revenue: Actual
Total Revenue $510,674

- Contributions & Grants: 274,917
- Program Revenue: 114,165
- Dues & Subscriptions: 83,535
- Investment Income: 30,978

FY24 Revenue: Budget
Total Revenue $596,200

- Contributions & Grants: 270,000
- Program Revenue: 175,000
- Dues & Subscriptions: 107,500
- Investment Income: 30,000
- Other Income: 13,700

FY23 Expenses: Actual
Total Expenses $539,708

- Program Service: 453,355
- General & Administrative: 70,162
- Fundraising: 16,191

FY24 Expenses: Budget
Total Expenses: $596,059

- Program Service: 500,000
- General Administrative: 177,488
- Fundraising: 17,882
Executive Team Report

Janel Curry, President
Our Strategic Vision
Mapping the Future
What Does the ASA Do?

Serve Our Members through

- Advancing Scholarship
- Professional Development and Formation
- Fellowship and Community Building
Engaging Science and the Church

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With a spirit of

- Intellectual Humility
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- Radical Hospitality
Expanding Our Reach

New and Continuing Partnerships & Collaborations

• Cambridge Roundtable
• Consortium of Christian Study Centers
• Emerging Scholars Network
• Evangelical Environmental Network
• National Association of Evangelicals
• BioLogos
• International Network for Christian Higher Education
• Museum of the Bible
• Reasons to Believe
Operational State of the ASA

Vicki Best
Executive Vice President
2022–2023 Operational Highlights

• Programming activities
• Members services
• Development
• Team
Programming Activities

ASA 2023

ANNUAL MEETING
July 28 - 31, 2023
University of Toronto Mississauga

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER:
The Future of Science and Faith

WINTER SYMPOSIUM
“Challenges of Scientists in the Church and Serving the Church”

ONLINE EVENT
January 28, 2023
1 pm EST / 10 am PST

WINTER SYMPOSIUM

WALTER KIM
President
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JESSICA MOERMAN
Vice President of Governance and Policy
Diplomatic Engagement Network

Programming Activities

Diving Deeper Discussions

ASA 2023

Vocational Opportunities

Winter Symposium with Walter Kim and Jessica Moerman
Local Chapters & Affiliates Going Strong

ASA Members, Subscribers, Followers Worldwide

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**U.S. LOCAL/STUDENT CHAPTERS: 25**
- Arizona State University, AZ
- Baylor University, TX
- Boston, MA
- California Baptist University, CA
- Colorado Christian U. Student, CO
- Gordon College Student, MA
- Grand Canyon University Student, AZ
- Houston, TX
- Nashville, TN
- New Jersey
- New Mexico, NM
- North Star, MN
- Northern California, CA
- Ohio
- Oral Roberts University, OK
- Philadelphia, PA
- Prairie, IA
- Red River Valley, ND
- Rocky Mountain, CO
- Silicon Valley, CA
- Southern California
- University of Georgia Student, GA
- Washington, DC
- West Michigan, MI
- Wheaton, IL

**CANADIAN LOCAL CHAPTERS: 11**
- Calgary, AB
- Edmonton, AB
- Hamilton, ON
- Montreal, QC
- Nova Scotia
- Ottawa, ON
- Saskatchewan
- Toronto, ON
- Vancouver, BC
- Waterloo, ON
- Winnipeg, MB

**AFFILIATES: 6**
- ACB (Biologists)
- ACG (Geologists)
- AMTaP (Ministers, Theologians, Philosophers)
- CEST (Engineers and Scientists in Technology)
- CSCA (Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation)
- CWIS (Women in Science)
Development Efforts

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**PARTICIPATION RATES**

- Fellows: 57%
- Members: 27%
- Staff: 100%
- Board: 100%
- Associate Members: 23%

**TOTAL DONORS**
495 Donors Gave $435,689 in Gifts
Class of 2023 Fellows

- Joel C Adams
- Ryan M Bebej
- Peter J Bussey
- David R Clements
- Rebecca Dielschneider
- Dick Fischer
- Oscar E Gonzalez
- Angela T Kantola
- David C Lahti
70+-Year Members

• Robert G Ziegler
• John M Osepchuk

• William D Pletcher
• Donald E DeGraaf

60-Year Members

• Rudolph O Buttlar
• Lee Isaacs

• Fred Jappe
• John E Richardson
50-Year Members

- H James Armbrecht
- Walter L Bradley
- John B Cannon III
- John N Clayton
- Kyle M Cudworth
- John Forrestal
- Susan E Halbert
- Kathleen A Hardy
- Roger H Kennett
- John E Kroll
- Harris H Lloyd
- Harry John Lubansky
- James F Mahaffy
- David P Martinsen
- Judith A Toronchuk
- Wesley J Wentworth Jr
- David Yee
Remembrances

• Wesley G Bentrude
• Richard W Caster
• Peter D Esser
• Owen Gingerich
• David B MacKay

• Kenneth C Olson
• Kermit O Ratzlaff
• James P Runyon
• Ann Marie Thro
• David L Willis
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David L Willis
“A time to be born and a time to die, 
a time to plant and a time to uproot.” –Ecclesiastes 3:2

For our members in glory, Lord, hear our prayer.
Marie H. Berg Award

In honor of a woman member of the ASA who has led to the advancement of ASA’s mission.
Marie H. Berg’s History

- 1909 – 2007
- Early woman leader of the ASA
- PhD in Biochemistry (University of Heidelberg, 1934)
- Professor: Hamline University, University of Minnesota, Northwestern College, Metropolitan State Junior College
- ASA Membership from 1961
- First woman ASA Fellow (1963)
- First woman to run for ASA Executive Council (1980)
2023 Marie H. Berg Awardees

Lynn Billman

Judith Toronchuk
Student & Early Career
Early Career Scientist Award: Nyasha Gondora

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

PhD in Neuroscience, University of Waterloo; Multiple Awards & Scholarships

CSCA Executive Council & Waterloo Chapter; Annual Meeting Poster Contest Judge 2023
Campus Ministry Award: Dwight Schwartz

InterVarsity Graduate & Faculty Ministry; Long-Term ASA Participant

PhD, Chemical Physics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

20 years Student and Faculty Engagement, Faith and Science
Invitation: Give to Student Scholarships and Grow Our Community

Student Scholarship Fund
• 34 students/early career scientists received over $16,370 to attend ASA 2023
• 246 of student memberships in 2023 to date

Ways to Donate
1. Cash or check
2. Online at ASA website
3. Venmo @americanscientificaffiliation
4. Online at CSCA website via CanadaHelps
Upcoming Meeting
ASA 2024 – Washington, DC
Program Chairs

Mike Beidler

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