

**Annual meeting of the
Steering Board of the Episcopal Church Network for Science, Technology & Faith
Joseph House, Manchester, New Hampshire
20 April 2007**

Attendance:

Board members:

Sandra Michael (Convener)
Barbara Smith-Moran (Records Secretary/Newsletter Editor)
David Bailey (Webmaster)
Jim Jordan (Ex officio)

Other Network members:

Phina Borgeson (ST&F Committee member)
Barbara Elliott (ST&F Committee member)
Neil James (ST&F Committee member)
Tom Lindell (ST&F Committee member)
Ed Rodman (ST&F Committee member; Executive Council Liaison)
Dick Schori (ST&F Committee member)
Alistair So (ST&F Committee member)
Stephen Stray (ST&F Committee member)
Bob Williams (ST&F Committee member; Director of Communications, Episcopal Church Center)

Guests:

Sandy Webb (Communications Staff, Episcopal Church Center)
Judy Kohatsu (UMC delegation member)
Larry Golemon (staff, Alban Institute)

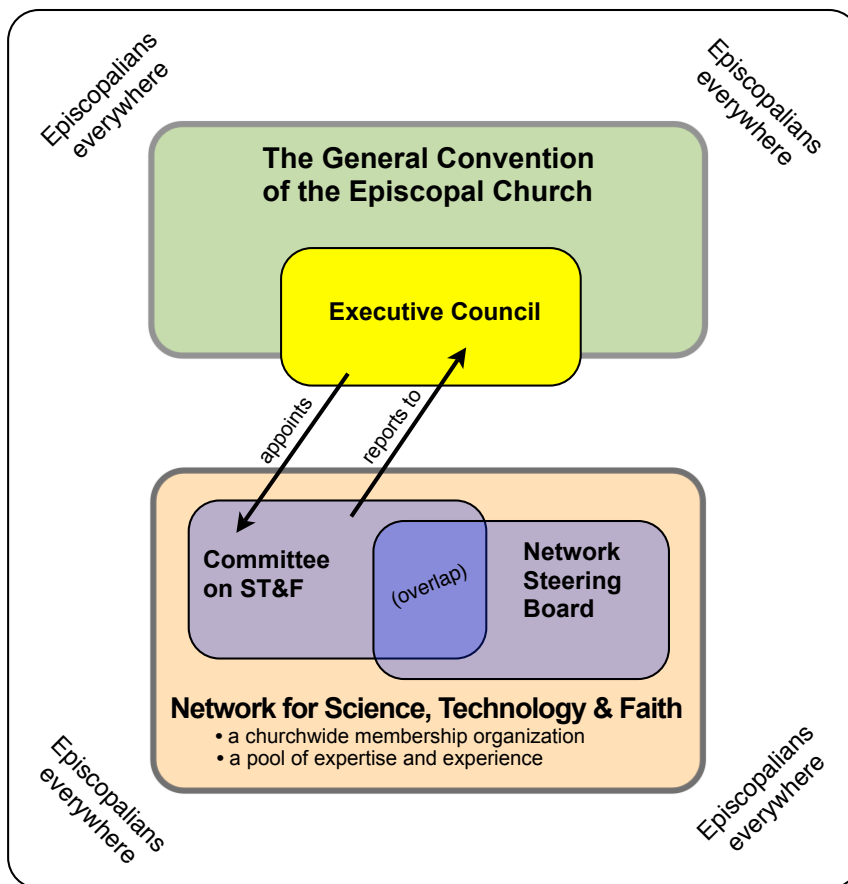
Network Convener Sandra Michael called the meeting to order at 1:45.

Barbara Smith-Moran gave highlights of the history of the ST&F Network and Committee during the time she served as Network Convener and Committee Co-chair (1994-2005).

- In 1997, the ad hoc delegation of Episcopalians to the Ecumenical Roundtable on Science, Technology & the Church became the Working Group for ST&F in 1997 with its establishment by the General Convention. The Working Group was not funded, however, nor was invited to participate in meetings of the Commissions, Committees, Agencies, and Boards.
- In 2000, the General Convention funded the Working Group. Shortly thereafter, the Chair of the House of Deputies appoints 7 members of the former Working Group and 5 members of the proposed Ethics and the New Genetics to be the new Working Group on ST&F. This fusion proved unsatisfactory to all members; they split the budget and went about their separate agenda.
- In 2001, the Working Group presented a 3-day conference at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, called "Genetic Engineering and Food for the World." At the annual meeting in April, the Board established a membership organization to be known as the Network for ST&F, with bylaws and a Steering Board. The Executive Council appointed members of the Steering Board to what became known henceforth as the Executive Council's Committee on ST&F. The Network intended to cooperate with the Committee by acting as a pool of experience and expertise for the Commit-

tee's work. This is the way the two organizations continue to function at present--the Committee is appointed and funded by the General Convention; the Network (see organization chart below).

Organizational Diagram, 2001 - present



Dr. Larry Golemon gave a brief introduction to the work and interests of the Alban Institute to equip religious leaders to help change and develop local congregations. He expressed his interest in working with the Committee and Network to publish ST&F materials, because he believes that the missional life of the churches is stunted because they don't feel knowledgeable about science and technology. He said that the Alban Institute likes to take things that others have written and reframe them so that more people can access and use them. They have an excellent "delivery" strategy for the materials they publish. One example might be the new brochure produced by the Committee, "A Layman's Guide to Recognizing 'Good' Science." Another good example would be *A Catechism of Creation*, which has not been marketed by the Church to any degree. He suggested that the *Catechism* could be made more attractive with illustrations, and rewritten with versions for children and for youth. He asked whether the "wonder-and-awe" strategy would work with Episcopal clergy. Responses included:

"There's only so much awe you can engineer." (Alistair)

Episcopal clergy are such a diverse group that one version of the Catechism or anything else won't fit all. (David)

The mystery of irreproducible events, such as the Big Bang and the beginning of life on Earth, might be emphasized. (Tom)

The group expressed strong interest in working with the Alban Institute in the future and thanked Dr. Golemon for coming to the meeting.

Sandra summarized the Treasurer's report sent by Claire Lofgren. The account balance is \$2,509.95.

Copies of the Membership report, sent by Peter Arvedson, was circulated. Eight new people have joined in the past year. Currently, Peter has the email addresses of 90 members.

Copies of the amended bylaws, passed unanimously by the Steering Board, were circulated. Changes include changes to the constituency of the Steering Board, including the addition of two more at-large members, for a total of four.

Sandra announced that the slate of nominees to the Steering Board had passed by unanimous vote. Information sheets about the new Steering Board were circulated. Jim announced that Alistair So would be the second ex-officio member (appointed, not elected). Congratulations were extended to Stephen Stray, newly elected to serve as Co-convenor with Sandra, and to Alistair. The constituency of the newly elected Steering Board is found below.

Sandra observed that with a Steering Board of 14, a quorum (8) would not ordinarily be present at the annual meeting (in conjunction with the Roundtable). Matters arising at the Roundtable that required discussion and/or a vote would have to be conducted by email or conference call at a later time.

Sandy Webb will be asked to set up and Epicom Group for the Steering Board.

In the transition for Yahoo to Epicom as server for the Network's listserv, members would be asked whether they want to participate. Sandra said that it has been a goal of hers for a

long time to put up on the internet a Network membership directory that could be searched for diocese, science discipline, and other categories.

**Steering Board of the Episcopal Church Network for Science, Technology & Faith
elected April 2007**

Name	Position	Email	Postal address	Phone	Diocese, Province	S,T & F background
Dr. Sandra Michael	Co-convener	smichael@binghamton.edu	Distinguished Service Professor & Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY 13902	607-777-6517 (o) 607-748-7520 (h)	Central New York, II	genetics, reproduction
Dr. Stephen Stray	Co-convener	sstray@microbio.umsmed.edu	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Microbiology, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 N. State St., Jackson, MS 39216	601- 362- 4471, x5615 (o) 601- 362- 4471, x1138 (lab)	Mississippi, IV	virology
The Rev. Barbara Smith-Moran, S.O.Sc.	Records Secretary pro tem	smithmoran@earthlink.net	93 Anson Rd., Concord, MA 01742	978-369-1464 (h/o) 617-791-7919 (cell)	Massachusetts, I	chemistry, astronomy, theology
The Rev. Dr. Peter Arvedson, SOSc	Treasurer/Membership Secretary	parved@aol.com	13070 W. Bluemound Rd., #311, Elm Grove, WI 53122	262-797-8887 (h)	Western New York, II	chemistry, theology
The Rev. Dr. David B. Bailey	Communications Officer	revdbb@aol.com	Rector, St. Stephen Episcopal Church, 9191 Daly Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45231	513-522-8628 (o)	Southern Ohio, V	chemistry, theology
Mr. Ray Spreier	Newsletter Editor	rspreier@bendcable.com	20780 Ranch Village Ct., Bend, OR 97701	541-585-1803 (o) 541-385-8475 (h)	Eastern Oregon, VIII	physics, astronomy, theology
Mr. James Burke	Episcopal Ecological Network Liaison	jim_burke@ngc.com	2331 North Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22207	703 907 4036 (o) 703-527-9503 (h)	Virginia, IV	science & technology studies, ecology
The Rev. Dr. Thomas Lindell, SOSc	Seminary Liaison	tlindell@u.arizona.edu	Associate Professor, Dept. of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85725	520-621-5125 (o)	Arizona, VIII	cell biology, theology
Dr. Peter Atherton	At large	peter.atherton@comcast.net	43811 Water Bay Terrace, Leesburg, VA 20176	703-737-6515 (h) 703-966-2719 (cell)	Washington, III	engineering, physics
Ms. Amy Case	At large	AmyPCase@austin.rr.com	4103-2 E. 12th St., Austin, TX 78721	512-349-5800 (h) 512-565-1687 (cell)	Texas, VII	epidemiology
Dr. Janice Kotuby-Amocher	At large	usual@usu.edu	1514 N. 360 E., North Logan, UT 84341	435-764-7643 (cell)	Utah, VIII	soil chemistry
Dr. Robert Schneider	At large	rschn39@bellsouth.net	187 Sierra Vista Dr., Boone, NC 28607-7980	828-264-4071 (h/o)	Western North Carolina, IV	theology
Dr. James Jordan	Ex officio (appointed)	jjordan@ix.netcom.com	P.O. Box 1063, Gualala, CA 95445-1063	707-785-2786 (o) 707-494-6256 (cell)	Northern California, VIII	physics
The Rev. Alastair So	Ex officio (appointed)	aso@stmartinsinthe.org	1009 Bay Ridge Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403	301-693-1055 (o) 410-900-3524 (h) 410-647-6248 (cell)	Washington, III	microbiology & immunology, genomics, protomics, theology

In other business, Barbara Smith-Moran brought up the subject of the lists she uses for distributing the electronic Network Newsletter. The decision was made to keep all bishops and seminary deans/presidents on the distribution list. Phina suggested adding the diocesan Directors of Communication.

On behalf of the Network, Sandra presented the Genesis Award for 2007 to Barbara Smith-Moran, with the citation, "Teacher and mentor to the Episcopal Church on science and Technology; pioneer and ecumenical partner for integrating science and Christian faith; Network founder, and visionary leader of the Committee on Science, Technology and Faith." Barbara thanked everyone and expressed her heartfelt joy in seeing how the Committee, with its new and continuing members, is approaching its mission of education to the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Smith-Moran, Records Secretary pro tem