

**2020 Report of Presbytery's Nominee
to the Board of Corporators
of Geneva College**

Dear brothers:

I am reporting to you again as your nominee to Synod to serve on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College. I currently serve as the Board's Secretary and, consequently, upon the Executive Committee of the Board. I continue to serve with two other Corporators from our Presbytery, elected by Synod: Dr. Kenneth de Jong of our Bloomington congregation and Session, and Mr. Scott Reynolds, also of our Bloomington congregation. Dr. de Jong also serves as a Trustee. The current Vice-Chair of our Board of Trustees is Mr. Joel Silverman of our Southside congregation.

As always, I'll repeat a paragraph that I place in every year's report, because some delegates to Presbytery may not be familiar with the governance of Geneva College. To refresh you, the Board of Corporators has twelve members, all elected by Synod. Each of the North American Presbyteries have nominees to Synod, with Synod's Nominating Committee nominating the others. All must be members in good standing in the RPCNA. We each serve four-year terms. The Corporators are the legal owners of the College. They are the members of the Corporation chartered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Corporators' main tasks, under the Bylaws it originates, are to govern the College through a Board of Trustees it has created and whose members it elects, to elect a President of the College, to steward the Bylaws, and maintain a strong connection to the Synod of the RPCNA. The Board does its governing through the Trustees, who operate the College on the Corporators' behalf. Half of the Corporators serve as Trustees, as well, thus maintaining useful liaison between the Boards and allowing Synod, in effect, to have direct placement of some Trustees. Dr. de Jong is an example of this.

Since my last report, the Board has met thrice. The first was on 14 June, 2019, at Alexander Hall on the campus of Geneva College, the day after Synod concluded. Vice President for Development, Marvin Dewey, reported on progress on erecting and endowing a new Geneva Foundation. New bylaws were moved, seconded, and passed to allow this. Both Trustee Chair Joye Huston and College President Calvin Troup reported to the Board. New or re-elected officers of the Corporator Board are Steven McMahan, chairman; Matthew Filbert, vice-chairman; and Philip Pockras, secretary. We elected or re-elected Trustees, as well. There was also much discussion on personnel changes at Geneva, which included appointing the Rev. Rutledge Etheridge to a position in the Bible faculty, as well as a proposed vehicle for financing his further academic training and compensation to him for his work.

The Corporators had a special phone meeting, on 18 October, 2018. The main topic of discussion was the aforementioned Bible Faculty Development Fund, as well as discussing some possible candidates for Trustee positions.

Our latest meeting was at Geneva College on 6-7 February. The first day was with the Trustees in some work together learning about "Generation Z". On Saturday, 7 February, we had our own meeting. With us, as invited guests, were College President Troup, Vice-President for Development Dewey, and Trustee Vice-Chair Silverman for Chair Huston, who was unable to attend the meetings due to health problems

that she and her husband, David, are having. The College is a founding member of a new organization, the International Alliance for Christian Education, while continuing as a member of the CCCU. Geneva, a founding member of the CCCU, is backing off in its involvement due to the CCCU's support of the "Fairness for All" document that is quite controversial in its dealing with Sexual Orientation and Gender Issues (SOGI) in ways that do not seem to be Scriptural. Several Christian Colleges and Universities have already ended or suspended participation in CCCU over this document. The College is searching for a new professor of Political Science, who will teach faithfully our understanding of Christian church-state relations. Financially, due to some handsome gifts and bequests, the College will have a moderate budget surplus this year. Finally, the Board discussed prospective Trustees in anticipation of an election after Synod.

I was just reelected to this Board by Synod last year. I am happy to serve our Presbytery, our Synod, and our College this way, and I thank Presbytery for its previous and current nominations.

For your information, the website for the College is at www.geneva.edu. Much information is there on all sorts of matters pertaining to the College.

I again thank you for your confidence in me. I am happy to continue this service as long as you desire.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip H. Pockras