

Minutes of the Business Meeting of The South-Central Renaissance Conference, 10 March 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Irving Kelter.

Minutes from the 2011 meeting were approved with corrections noted.

Old Business

Pres. Kelter reviewed the reports from the executive board meeting, noting especially the following information:

- The 2012 conference included 132 participants, 147 panels, and 8 special sessions.
- 154 people were registered for the conference. The conference budget, however, will have a shortfall.
- *Discoveries* editor Arlen Nydam encouraged participants to submit their papers to the journal.
- *EIRC* editor Thomas Herron shared plans to explore putting the journal online and to increase its presence in social media.
- Please consider donating to the graduate student travel fund.

Nominations (see executive committee report) were approved.

We noted the passing of SCRC emeritus member Karl Josef Hölting and of Joan Fields, the widow of emeritus member Albert Fields, who often joined him at our meetings.

Our 2013 conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 21-23. Tim Moylan is the program chair. Matthew Averett is the local host.

A clarification was noted for profit sharing with local hosts: the first \$2000 profit goes to SCRC; any additional profit is shared 50/50 with the local host's institution.

New Business

Suggestions were made to extend the president and vice-president's terms to 2 years and to note members' publications and awards for the year. We also need to find a new secretary-treasurer as my term is up at the next meeting.

A resolution was approved honoring my work as secretary-treasurer for the last 5 years. (Many thanks to all!)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. García

Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of The South-Central Renaissance Conference, 8 March 2012

Board Members Present: Brian Steele, Irving Kelter, Sean Benson, Thomas Herron, Patricia García, Catherine Cox, Nicholas Van Maltzhan, Catherine Loomis, Timothy McKinney, Greg Bentley, Joan Faust, Yael Even, Debra Barrett-Graves, Arlen Nydam, Charles Beem

Guests Present: Sean Morris, EIRC Production Editor

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Irving Kelter.

1. The minutes from our 2011 executive board meeting were approved.
2. **Old Business—Reports:** Please see attached reports for more detailed information.
 - a. **EIRC Report:** Thomas Herron
 - i. Current Status: The next issue of *EIRC* should be out soon after the conference. Approximately 35 articles were submitted and 12 accepted. Herron plans to include color pages in future issues. The editorial board now includes international members as well as student members. He hopes to add more peer reviewers and readers. Some revenue from advertising was seen this year. Promotion included advertising at various conferences and the organization of an RSA roundtable discussion of journal edition. The cost of the producing the journal continues to rise and ECU's (East Carolina University)

funding, both financially and in course release time and graduate assistants to *EIRC*, may decrease in the future.

- ii. Reprints and Electronic Publications: Herron sees putting current *EIRC* issues online, possibly with Gale/Proquest, after the 5-year embargo as part of the Gale/Proquest agreement on this expires. This would increase our readership and attract new subscribers. Discussion followed, including costs, benefits, and feasibility.
 - i. A motion was made to consider putting electronic version of the current issues online with a subscription service while maintaining the print version. The motion passed.

b. **Website Report:** Arlen Nydam

- i. Our website was moved from the UT server to a private server. Problems with the abstract submission forms may be solved in the future by working with ECU's humanities support team. While overall web traffic has decreased, feedback from members confirms that the website is functional for our purposes.

c. **Discoveries Report:** Arlen Nydam

- i. The new design of *Discoveries* has been completed. Discussion followed on the benefits of adding a "Like" feature to the journal so that it can be posted and shared on social networks such as Facebook. Nydam would like to increase

the number of submissions (only 4 last year) and asked that we promote *Discoveries* in our conference sessions as a place for a submission of papers. He also asked that both journals be mentioned at our general meeting and Saturday luncheon and that they both are included on our registration and membership forms.

- d. **Local Host Report:** Catherine Loomis
 - i. We are seriously over budget because of media costs and under-booking of hotel rooms. Loomis suggested that we consider investing in our own media equipment to defray costs. Problems with this include storage and transportation of equipment.
 - ii. The board thanked Loomis for her hard work on the conference.
- e. **Program Chair Report:** Debra Barrett-Graves
 - i. Barrett-Graves has updated and expanded the program chair's guidelines; our thanks to her for this tremendous task.
 - ii. The conference received 140 proposals, all of which were accepted. Of this number, 133 individuals participated in the conference. Six of the 7 panelists who withdrew notified the Program Chair prior to printing the program. Of those who withdrew, 6 of the 7 panelists were graduate students. There were 47 panels in 8 sessions total, including affiliate sessions. Only one submission was on

- Renaissance music; perhaps the next chair can recruit more musicologists to the conference.
- iii. Saturday sessions: This year we included a Saturday afternoon panel as approved at last year's board meeting to increase the number of SCRC panels in response to the growing number of affiliate panels. Concerns were raised, however, about the number of attendees as these afternoon panels and the cost of securing additional meeting rooms and hotel rooms for Saturday night. The decision was made not to include Saturday afternoon session at our 2013 meeting in Omaha to help limit expenses. In the future, the local host and president will determine the inclusion of Saturday afternoon sessions depending on the conference site.
 - iv. Affiliate sessions: Affiliate members often only attend their society's panels due to scheduling conflicts. Some discussion followed on limiting affiliate panels, but no decision was made. Sean Benson suggested that affiliate societies limit their sessions to 5 and then submit remaining papers for consideration to SCRC.
 - v. Withdrawals: This seems to be a growing concern. Suggestions for dealing with this included maintaining of list of those who withdraw so as to be aware of this if they submit in the future. No decisions were made.

- vi. 2013 conference set for Omaha, NE with Matthew Avery as local host; 2014 and beyond not determined yet but perhaps North Carolina with Thomas Herron and Charles Beem as local hosts in 2015. Benson will work to secure sites for the next 3 years.
- f. **Nominations Committee Report:** Brian Steele
- i. Catherine Cox and Nicolas Van Maltzhan were thanked for their service to the board.
 - ii. Board members (3 year term): Ellen Longworth and Katherine Powers.
 - iii. Emeritus: Louis Stagg (please note that this nomination was unnecessary; Stagg is already an emeritus member), Paul Parrish was nominated from the floor.
 - iv. All nominations were approved and will be presented at the business meeting.
- g. **Secretary-Treasurer Report:** Patricia García
- i. García encourages contributions to graduate student travel awards and will ask this at the business meeting as well. Suggestions for increasing contributions included adding this category to the registration form.
 - ii. Profit sharing policy: A motion to clarify the profit sharing policy was made. All initial profits are given to SCRC; any profit above \$2000 is shared 50/50 with the local host university. The motion was approved.

- iii. Credit card payments: We will investigate signing up with Paypal for membership dues and/or conference registration.

3. New Business

- a. Catherine Cox noted concerned member who requested that we make sure audio is ok for all speakers.
- b. Charles Beem suggested that we develop a roommate matching board, perhaps on the web site for members wishing to share hotel room costs.
- c. Joan Faust will continue as Marvell society rep for next 3-year term.

Meeting adjourned 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia García
Secretary-Treasurer