

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Fourteenth Annual South-Central Renaissance Conference

The Business Meeting of the Fourteenth Annual South-Central Renaissance Conference was held on Friday, March 26, 1965, in the Ramada Inn, College Station, Texas, as guests of Texas A&M University.

The minutes of the 1964 Conference Business Meeting were read, and after the correction of the date of the Southern Humanities Conference, adopted as corrected.

The proposed Amendment to the Constitution, read at the 1964 Business Meeting, was voted on and passed with the result that the following sentence will be added to Article VI, Section 1: *(See Amendment No. 10)*
The immediate Past-President of the Conference shall automatically be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee for the year following his term of office.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by J. D. Thomas, Chairman, and the following slate of officers and Committee members was elected:

President: Panos Paul Morphos, Tulane University, *Dr.*
Vice-President: Brother Louis Schuster, St. Mary's University,
Members of the Executive Committee:
Dr. Ariel Bar-Sela, Baylor College of Medicine *[MD]*
Cooper Mackin, LSU at New Orleans, *Eng.*
Leighton Rudolph, University of Arkansas, *Eng.*

Continuing officers and Executive Committee Members:
Executive Secretary-Treasurer: Helen S. Thomas,
Univ. of Houston, *Eng.*
Executive Committee Members: "
Marian Davis, University of Texas, *Hist. of Art.*
Eleanor James, Texas Woman's University, *Eng.*
Duane Roller, University of Oklahoma, *Hist. of Science*

The invitation of Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, La., for the Conference to meet on their campus on April 1-2, 1966, was accepted with unanimity.

The following financial report was read and accepted:

Balance on hand 4/16/64	\$110.35
Membership dues	
for '63-'64 rec'd after 4/16/64.	14.00
for '64-'65 rec'd to 3/24/65	83.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$207.35
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	36.41
Balance on hand 3/25/65	\$170.94

The following delegates, approved by the Executive Committee, were named:

Delegates to 1966 RSA Council:
Lorraine Sherley, Texas Christian University
Patrick Hogan, Mississippi State University
Delegate to 1966 Southern Humanities Conference
Frank Halstead, University of Mississippi

Substitute delegate to 1965 Southern Humanities Conference:
Ruth Stickney Univ. of Houston (replacing Stanford Lehmann)

At the suggestion of the Executive Committee, the Conference will study for another year the advantages and disadvantages of tax-exempt status for the Conference. ^{As a result} Voting on the proposed amendments to Articles I and III of the Constitution, ~~will also be deferred.~~ _(intended to make possible such status)

Ruth Stickney, University of Houston, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported on the activities of that Committee to obtain new members. It was suggested that the personal approach by members to the faculty in schools not represented in the Conference would be most effective.

Robert Collmer, Wayland Baptist College, delegate to the 1965 RSA Council, reported on the meeting held Jan. 30, 1965, at Columbia University. The following items were included:

The RSA appreciates the representation from the South-Central Renaissance Conference.

The change of the meeting date to a more convenient date was brought up, but because of insurmountable difficulties in finding a suitable date, no change is foreseen.

A study would be needed to answer the question "Is our region slighted in the assigning of reviews in Renaissance News?"

Discussion of the proposed formation of a National Humanities Foundation brought out the problem of division into creative and historical humanities.

F. J. Hunter, University of Texas, reported on the nature of the Senate Bill proposed by Senator Pell of Rhode Island. The Bill (S 1483) includes both Humanities and Arts in the proposed National Humanities Foundation. The Conference voted to recommend in a resolution to be sent to Senator Pell by the Secretary that there be a combination of the creative and historical functions of the Humanities in the Foundation.

Resolution:

The South-Central Renaissance Conference expresses its enthusiastic approval of the U.S. Senate Bill (S 1483) introduced by Senator Pell of Rhode Island, which has as its purpose the establishing of a National Humanities Foundation to include both Humanities and Arts.

The Conference adopted another resolution:

The South-Central Renaissance Conference regrets the passing last April 28, 1964, of William Perry, Tulane University, one of the strong supporters of the early Conference and its President in 1953-54.

At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Conference voted to contribute \$10.00 (ten dollars) annually to help support Humanities in the South, the official publication of the Southern Humanities Conference, of which the South-Central Renaissance Conference is a constituent member.

The meeting adjourned for the afternoon sessions of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen S. Thomas

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