

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Fourteenth Annual South-Central Renaissance Conference

The Executive Committee of the Fourteenth Annual South-Central Renaissance Conference met at the Ramada Inn, College Station, Texas, Thursday evening, March 25, 1965, as guests of Texas A&M University. The following members and guests were present: Frank Halstead, President; Lorraine Sherley, Immediate Past-President; Helen S. Thomas, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Calvin Huckabay, Panos Paul Morphos, Eleanor James, members of the Executive Committee; Ruth Stickney, Chairman Membership Committee; T. J. Mattern, Chairman Local Arrangements and Program Committees; Mrs. T. J. Mattern, J. D. Thomas, Brother Louis Schuster, Patrick G. Hogan, and Harry C. Cotham, guests. Stanford E. Lehmborg, Marian Davis, and Duane Roller, members of the Executive Committee, and Robert Pascal, Vice-President, were unable to attend.

The following items of business were transacted:

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

2. Treasurer's report:

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	<u>\$207.35</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>36.41</u>
Balance on hand 3/25/65	<u>\$170.94</u>

3. President Halstead read a letter of invitation from President Hunter of LSU at Baton Rouge, La., to the Conference to hold its 1966 meeting on their campus, April 1 and 2, 1966. The Committee voted to recommend acceptance of the invitation to the general business meeting the next day. Panos Morphos reported that an invitation from Tulane University and LSU at New Orleans for 1967 is perhaps possible.

4. Robert Pascal's memorandum (prepared at the direction of the 1963-64 Executive Committee) on the possibility of tax-exempt status for the Conference was read by J. D. Thomas. Opposition to seeking tax-exempt status was expressed by President Halstead, Patrick Hogan, and others because of the problems involved and the lack of benefits from such a status. The motion was made by Helen Thomas and seconded by Ruth Stickney that the Executive Committee recommend to the general business meeting that voting on the proposed amendments to the Constitution intended to make possible tax-exempt status and circulated by mail to the membership, be postponed until next year and further study be made of the benefits and problems involved. *The motion carried.*

5. It was suggested that the President of the Conference appoint the Nominating Committee and Resolutions Committee well in advance of the annual meeting of the Conference in order that nominees might be contacted about their willingness to serve in various offices and needed resolutions drafted.

6. The request of Rudolph Fiehler, editor of Humanities in the South, for contributions from constituent member societies of the Southern Humanities Conference for support of that publication was read and approved. The Committee voted to contribute \$10.00 (ten dollars) annually to help support the publication.

7. Resolutions:

T. J. Mattern suggested that the Conference should support the formation of a National Humanities Foundation. A motion to draft a resolution in support of such a Foundation was made by Lorraine Sherley and seconded by Eleanor James. The motion carried and the Secretary was instructed to draft the resolution and send it to Senator Pell of Rhode Island.

A resolution of sympathy to be sent to the family of the late William Peery, Tulane University, past-president and long-time member of the South-Central Renaissance Conference, was voted. Panos Morphos, close friend of Professor Peery, offered to draft and send the resolution.

8. Nominating Committee:

J. D. Thomas, Rice University, Chairman
 Patrick Hogan, Mississippi State University
 Ruth Stickney, University of Houston

9. Delegates for 1966 RSA Council:

Lorraine Sherley, Texas Christian University
 Patrick Hogan, Mississippi State University

10. Delegate to 1966 Southern Humanities Conference:

Frank Halstead, Mississippi University

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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