

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - Minutes - 19th Annual

The 19th annual meeting of the Executive Council of the South-Central Renaissance Conference convened at 9:00 p.m., April 16, 1970, in the cafeteria of Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana with President George Reinecke presiding. Other individuals present were Messrs. Robert Bauer, Robert Collmer, A. S. Cairncross, Peter Guenther, and Patrick Hogan, Jr.; Brother Louis Schuster; Miss Maurine McElroy; and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mattern, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sasek. President Reinecke thanked the Program Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee for their efforts; the nominations committee postponed until the business meeting their slate of officers. Mr. Collmer repeated the invitation from Texas Tech for the 1972 SCRC; Mr. Reinecke suggested Houston had been tentatively proffered for 1973, and Mr. Mattern reminded that Mr. George Boyd at the Arlington meeting (1969) had tentatively proposed Jackson, Mississippi, with Millsaps College as host, for 1973. Mr. Reinecke read a letter from Chancellor Hitt of LSU - no reaffirming the invitation for the 1971 SCRC.

President Reinecke then introduced the re-written Constitution of the organization on which he and Mr. Panos Morphos had collaborated. Mr. Mattern objected that the substantive changes made in the constitution exceeded the directive issued to Mr. Morphos at the Denton meeting of the Executive Council (1968). Miss McElroy moved that the actions of the President be approved by the Council, Mr. Guenther seconded, and the motion carried with one dissenting vote. After a point-by-point comparison of the changes made, Mr. Guenther moved that "this rephrased and revised Constitution be approved by the Council for submission to the vote of the membership at the business meeting, April 17, 1970." Miss McElroy seconded, and the motion carried without dissent, Mr. Collmer then maintained that papers at the annual meeting should be confined to members of SCRC, but Miss McElroy, President Reinecke, and Mr. Lewis argued that papers by non-members allowed for greater program flexibility and heightened the possibilities of increased membership. Brother Schuster warned of what he conceived to be the harmful effects of too many invited papers, as at Rice in 1959 and Texas in 1964.

Patrick Hogan read his report as SCRC delegate to the Southern Humanities Conference of 1970 held at VPI, focused on protests and revolts on campus. The 1971 Conference, to be held at the University of Kentucky, had as its topic the redefinition of the humanities; as Program Chairman of this meeting Mr. Hogan solicited the advice and assistance of all SCRC members. He closed his remarks by reminding members of the essay contest sponsored by SHC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Mattern