

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE TWENTY-

SECOND ANNUAL SOUTH-CENTRAL RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE

The twenty-second annual meeting of the S-CRC was called into business session at 1:00 p.m. on March 30th, 1973, in the Warwick Hotel, Houston, Texas, by President Lawrence A. Sasek. President Sasek introduced Dr. Emmet Fields, Vice-President of the host institution (the University of Houston), who welcomed the members of the Conference to Houston. Following this welcome, Peter W. Guenther, Program Chairman of the 1973 convention, introduced Dr. Hebbel E. Hoff, Benjamin S. Hambleton Professor and Chairman of Physiology, Associate Dean of Faculty and Clinical Affairs, Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Hoff then delivered a long address entitled "The Cardinal and the Idiot: The Beginnings of Quantitative Biology and Medicine."

Time not permitting the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, President Sasek called upon the Secretary-Treasurer for a financial statement of the Conference and stated the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Conference authorize the expenditure of up to \$700 to begin the publication of an annual volume of studies by members of the Conference, the details of paper selection, printing, and distribution to be left to the incoming administration of the Conference. After short discussion, this motion was moved and seconded; it carried without opposing votes.

President Sasek then called upon the Conference's delegate to the Renaissance Society of America for his report of the annual convention. Although he had been unable to attend on account of sickness, Professor Panos Morphos, Modern Languages, Tulane University, had a report which he read, and it was approved by the Conference.

Following that report, Robert Collmer, English, Texas Tech University, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented his committee's slate of officers, and these were approved: President, Marjorie B. Lewis, English, TCU; Vice-President, Maurice L. Shapiro, Art History, Tulane University; Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Stringer, English, the University of Southern Mississippi. The Executive Committee of the Conference was approved as follows:

Albert W. Fields, English, Univ. of SW Louisiana  
Jessie Lucke, English, North Texas State University  
Joseph Polzer, Art History, University of Louisville  
Lloyd Lassen, Mathematics, Univ. of Texas at Arlington  
Marcus W. Orr, History, Memphis State University  
Joseph Satin, English, Midwestern University

Patrick G. Hogan, Jr., English, University of Houston, was elected as the Conference's delegate to the Southern Humanities Conference, and Peter W. Guenther, Art, University of Houston, was elected as the Conference's delegate to the Renaissance Society of America.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Joe D. Thomas moved adjournment of the session until 9:30 a.m. the following day (March 31st). The motion carried unanimously.

On Saturday morning, March 31, in the library of the University of Houston, President Sasek called the convention back to order for completion of the Conference's annual business. The report of Patrick G. Hogan, Jr., delegate to the SHC, was read by Professor J. Gordon Eaker, English, University of Houston, and approved.

Joe D. Thomas next presented the report of the Resolutions Committee, wittily gratulating all who had helped to plan and implement the current meeting. The report was enthusiastically approved.

Following Professor Thomas's report, Professor Marjorie Lewis, newly elected President of the Conference, spoke briefly to assure the membership that her administration would strive to carry out the Conference's purposes, especially as regarded the publication of an annual volume of studies. All business being completed, the meeting was then adjourned, and the program proceeded.

Respectfully submitted,

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