

A Brief Account of the Breakfast Meeting of the Executive Committee
of the SCRC on 22 March, 1974, in the Peabody Hotel

This meeting concerned mainly the publication of Explorations in Renaissance Culture, Professor Orr reporting on the progress and problems of his efforts to date. (See attached report). Since the Conference's efforts were judged to be still in a formative stage, the upshot of the meeting was to leave guidelines for running the publication very loose until such time as the editor had had time to see what problems he would face. But a pair of co-editors (associate) and a board of assistant editors were approved by the group (see attachment), and a general wait-and-see attitude was deemed to be most useful for this board to abide by.

Minutes of the twenty-third Annual South-Central Renaissance Conference held March 21-23, 1974, in Memphis, Tennessee, under the Sponsorship of Memphis State University.

The official business meeting of the 23rd annual S-CRC was called to order by President Marjorie B. Lewis at 1:30 p.m., March 22, in the conference room of the Brooks Memorial Art Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee. President Lewis called on the secretary-treasurer for a report, which was passed out and accepted by the Conference.

Following the sec.-treas.'s report, President Lewis addressed the membership concerning the Conference's publication, Explorations in Renaissance Culture, indicating that things were moving along towards appearance of the first volume and towards the establishment of official guidelines for operation of the publication. She praised especially the English and History departments of Memphis State University and Mr. Marcus Orr for help with the publication, and thanked Texas A & M and the University of Southern Mississippi for efforts to promote the establishment of the study. She announced that Mr. Orr had been named editor officially.

After the President's statements, Patrick G. Hogan, Jr., the Conference's representative to the Southern Humanities Conference, passed out his report (see attachment) and called the membership's attention to the fact that the SHC organizes its programs thematically, often-times coming up with a very timely program that many SCRC members might be interested in. Mr. Hogan also mentioned that the Southern Humanities Review, the official publication of the SHC, oftentimes does publish material that requires illustration, an observation thought to be of interest to SCRC members.

Owing to miscarriage of the mails, our representative to the Renaissance Society of America had not been able to discover the date of the meeting and had not attended. No report of this meeting was presented.

Following the call for the RSA representative's report, Peter Guenther, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, made his report, the recommendations of which were unanimously approved as follows:

President, Maurice Shapiro, Professor Emeritus of Art History,
 Tulane University
 Vice-president, Marcus Orr, History, Memphis State University
 Sec.-Treas., G. A. Stringer, English, U. of Southern Miss.

Executive Committee:

Two year terms: David Judkins, English, U. of Houston
 Robert H. Ray, English, Baylor University
 Clyde V. Williams, English, Miss. State Univ.

One-year term: Frederick A. De Armas, Foreign Languages, Louisiana
 State University

Completing terms: Albert Fields, English, U of SW La.
 Jessie Lucke, English, North Texas State U

Follogging the report of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Joe D. Thomas, Resolutions Committee, read his report expressing thanks to various persons responsible for the successful carrying-off of the present convention (see attached report). This was unanimously approved. After this report, calls for unfinished and new business were made by the President, but none was forthcoming.

The last item of business was the announcement that the Conference was to be hosted by Baylor University in 1974-75, details of date and arrangement to be announced later, and that the Conference had accepted the invitation of the University of Oklahoma to meet in Norman for the 1976 convention. After these announcements, Prof. Panos Morphos moved adjournment, the motion was seconded, and it carried without opposition.