

General Business Meeting of the South-Central Renaissance Conference

Norman, Oklahoma, 1976

The general business meeting of the SCRC (our twenty-fifth annual meeting) was called to order by President Marcus Orr in Room B of the Forum of the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 1976. The following business was then taken up.

A. Reports--

1. Delegate Patrick G. Hogan, Jr., read his report of the annual meeting of the Southern Humanities Conference.

2. President Orr gave a second-hand report of the Renaissance Society of America's annual meeting, our Conference having had no representative in attendance. Mr. Trinkhaus wrote Mr. Orr that the meeting had been successful and that the SCRC's absence was & regretted. These first two reports were accepted on motion of Robert Bauer and second of Jim Boggs.

3. The Treasurer reported a current balance (as of March 17, 1976) of \$1539.35.

4. Professor Shelley Berkelay was recognized as a charter member of the SCRC.

5. President Orr reported on the Executive Committee's meeting of the previous day. Items mentioned were: (a) the Committee's endorsement of a Developmental Committee to work on increasing membership and on improving the organization's structure; (b) the need for changes in the by-laws to accommodate any structural/organizational changes, such changes to be mailed out to the membership if and when they are ready. (Possible changes mentioned were the inclusion of a Second Vice-President and the institution of a lock-step progression from Second Vice-President to First Vice-President to President, the Second Vice-President to serve as Program Chairman for the year of his tenure.)

6. President Orr, in his capacity as Editor of Explorations in Renaissance Culture, gave a report on the second volume of that journal.

7. The Nominating Committee's report (chmn.: Marjorie Lewis; members: Charles Stagg and Willard Cooper) was given by Marjorie Lewis. Nominated were Maurine McElroy for President, Albert Fields for Vice-President, and Gary Stringer for Secretary-Treasurer. New nominees to the Executive Committee were David Hart, Francis Kelley, and Robert J. Bauer. This committee's slate was moved by acclamation (by Pat Hogan), seconded, and acclaimed without dissenting vote.

8. Joe Thomas gave the report of Joe Thomas (Resolutions Committee).

B. Old Business--

none

C. New Business--

1. Louis Schuster asked for an explanation of the process by which a member gets his paper considered for publication in EIRC. Mr. Orr responded that he and his assistants received oral and written recommendations for such publication and extended written invitations to authors whose work they wished to see.

2. The officers and members of the Executive Committee were introduced for the benefit of those who did not know them.

3. Professor Berkeley inquired about the machinery for submitting papers to be read at the annual conferences. It was explained that anyone was encouraged to submit his work to the Program Chairman for the year in which the author desired to present his paper. The Program Chairman and his associates then select from among those submissions.

4. Professor Shapiro called for an early announcement about program plans for each year, perhaps in the spring. Vows to do better on this were made.

D. Adjournment--

At 9:30, Professor Hart moved adjournment, which action was approved by the assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Treasurer's Report

Balance brought forward		\$1539.35
1976-77 dues collected		390.00
	subtotal	<u>1929.35</u>
Expenditures:		
Annual Fall Greeting		38.75
Willard Cooper, phone calls		31.28
1977 SHC dues		10.00
Newsletter		7.10
	subtotal	<u>87.13</u>
Balance as of March 22, 1977		\$1842.22

Honestly submitted,

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