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## Minutes of the Executive Committee, April 12, 1984

The first discussion centered on trying to include other disciplines than English literature in the programs. Some suggestions were to include medievalists, to ask people whose papers aren't selected to come as discussants, and to have an additional session on Thursday afternoon.

The committee established the calendar year for SCRC by making dues payable for a particular conference and including EIRC from the preceding conference.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was passed out.

Many kudos and much praise were extended to Gary Stringer for his able work on EIRC. Stringer reminded us that the conference still owes his university \$1500.

The following conference dates and places were announced by the president and approved by the committee: Texas A&M for 1985; SWTU for 1986; and Baylor for 1987. Guerin read from the constitution to assure the committee that it had the right to select meeting places for the conferences.

Schmalz explained the possibility of funding EIRC through the Levy Foundation at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. The Foundation would issue four journals a year under the general title of Explorations, with a general editor at USL. One issue would be Explorations in Renaissance Culture under an editor chosen by SCRC. There was much discussion about the problem of keeping the integrity of the journal. For the first year the dedication would have to be to Lionel Trilling. Several committee members felt that the title Explorations should not be used by the whole series; some wanted to be sure that EIRC would have a separate serial number; and Stringer wanted a statement in the preface to EIRC which declares the independent nature of EIRC. Since Bert Fields was to meet the committee for more discussion about the Levy Foundation (on Friday morning, April 13, 1984), no final decision was made. All members felt that the offer was very attractive. They also noted that no other offer had been made.

To ensure an adequate level of publishable material, Stringer suggested that the program chairman explain that all papers presented at the conference be available for publication in EIRC. The motion was made and passed.

The suggestion was also made that a procedure folder be made to pass along to the program chairman.

Functioning as a whole, the committee accepted the slate of the nominating committee for 1985: for president, Paul A. Parrish; for vice president, Gloria K. Fiero; for executive secretary-treasurer, Donald R. Dickson; for the executive committee, Herbert Turrentine, Leonard Tourney, Maurine McElroy.

After much discussion on the date for submission of papers, the committee finally voted to return to the old January 1st deadline.

Meeting was adjourned until 11:30 Friday,

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After much discussion Fields satisfied all members of the committee that the integrity of EIRC would be preserved. In spite of cataloguing difficulties, the separate serial numbers would be retained; moreover, an explicit agreement about EIRC's editorial autonomy would be given. Furthermore, after this year, no other restrictions on the dedications of the various volumes would be made.

The committee agreed that Fields should be the editor and thanked USL for its support of EIRC.

Stringer moved and the committee passed the motion that the conference should continue to contribute \$500.00 per year toward publishing expenses to validate ownership of the journal.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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