



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, March 28, 1985

Present: Professors Parrish, Fiero, Dickson, Fields, McElroy, Schmalz, Tourney, Turrentine, and Wood.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m.; the minutes of the 1984 Business Meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given. Since the savings account (with Financial Programs in Denver, CO) was earning only a moderate interest rate (7-8%), the Executive Committee instructed the secretary-treasurer to move the account to a College Station bank with a better rate.

The Executive Committee decided that two separate mailing lists should be maintained: the present list (216 names) would be used for calls for papers and the Newsletter; another list--of current members only--would be used for mailing the journal. All those who have not paid dues for 1985-1986 will receive a letter explaining this policy.

The Executive Committee decided to encourage special sessions for the annual conference. The president was instructed to announce at the Business Meeting that all members are invited to submit proposals to the program chair, who would select special sessions for the 1986 conference and announce these sessions in the call for papers. The proposal should include a title and a brief (100 word) description. The invitation to submit such sessions will also be announced in the Newsletter.

The agreement between the University of Southwestern Louisiana and SCRC on the separate status of EIRC was examined. The Executive Committee also endorsed the publication of the following statement:

Papers presented at an SCRC conference will be available for consideration by the editor of EIRC for possible publication, unless the paper is formally withdrawn in writing, the withdrawal to be presented to the editor by the end of the meeting at which the paper is read.

The Executive Committee also encourages submissions to the journal on any Renaissance subject (including those not submitted for the program).

The Executive Committee heard a report from the Nominating Committee, chaired by Prof. Schmalz, which will be delivered at the Business Meeting.

The desirability of the current program and local arrangement chairs reporting to the Executive Committee was discussed. If possible, including the upcoming program and local arrangements chairs would also help ensure continuity in planning for the annual meetings.

The Executive Committee discussed the issue of voting and non-voting memberships, as defined in the bylaws. Professor Parrish appointed an ad hoc committee, consisting of Professors Schmaltz, Fields, and McElroy, to study the matter and report to the 1985-86 president.

The Executive Committee discussed the issue of having concurrent sessions, panels, and discussants at the annual meeting and decided to leave such decisions up to the president and the program chair.

The president reported that no new locations have been proposed for hosting the conference beyond the 1987 meeting in Waco, TX.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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