

SOUTH-CENTRAL RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 25, 1993

Present: Jim Baumlin, Les Brothers, Craig Kallendorf, Bert Fields, Gloria Fiero, Elise Jorgens, Susan Krantz, John Mercer, David Middleton, Tom Moisan, Martha Oberle, Jim Potts, Darryl Tippens, and Herb Turrentine.

1. Tom Moisan, SCRC president, called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. in the Sheraton Gunter Hotel in San Antonio. John Mercer, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes of the 1992 executive committee meeting, and they were approved.

2. John Mercer reported that the SCRC mailing list now contains about 540 names and that dues-paid membership for calendar year 1992 was about 130. Mercer also presented the financial report for fiscal year 1992-93, showing a balance of \$1991.63 in a checking account and of \$6534.35 in a certificate of deposit. The financial report was approved.

3. Bert Fields announced his intention to retire from the editorship of EIRC after producing the 1993 and 1994 issues. At that time EIRC would need a new editor, a new editorial board, and a new institution to provide at least \$2000 annually in financial sponsorship. SCRC currently contributes \$500 per year to EIRC. The executive committee discussed possible ways (including raising annual dues from the current \$10) to increase SCRC's financial contribution and to decrease the amount that would be required of the new institution. The executive committee approved a three-part motion to (a) thank and commend Bert Fields for his outstanding service as editor, (b) announce the need for a new editor and institutional sponsor and to invite inquiries from interested parties, and (c) form a committee (to be appointed by the president and announced at the general business meeting on Saturday) to seek a new editor and institutional sponsor.

4. Jim Potts, co-editor of the Newsletter, announced his intention to continue issuing two numbers per academic year. Potts and others requested that the dues status of each person be indicated on the mailing label.

5. Darryl Tippens, chair of the nominating committee, reported the following nominations: Herbert Turrentine for president; Susan Krantz for vice president; and Jim Baumlin, Sandra Mayfield, and David Middleton for two-year terms on the executive committee.

6. David Middleton, local arrangements chair, reported that as of this afternoon approximately 85 to 90 people had registered for this year's meeting and 56 had paid for Saturday's luncheon.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Craig Kallendorf, program chair for the joint meeting with RSA in Dallas, April 7-10, 1994, discussed the submission and evaluation of abstracts for that meeting. Les Brothers, local arrangements chair for the 1994 meeting, reported that the conference will be held at the Southland Center Hotel in Dallas, with late afternoon and evening events on Friday in Denton on the campus of the University of North Texas.

8. The executive committee voted to accept the following addition to the Constitution/By-Laws, to be presented to the membership for a vote at the general business meeting on Saturday: "The editors of the SCRC journal and newsletter shall be voting ex-officio members of the executive committee."

9. Tom Moisan reported that no meeting site has been found for 1995. Possible hosts are Saint Louis University and the University of Central Oklahoma (near Oklahoma City).

NEW BUSINESS

10. The executive committee discussed the feasibility of continuing to send the Newsletter and other bulk mailings to all names on the growing mailing list. The consensus was that, considering the relatively low cost of bulk mail (about eleven cents per letter) and the need for greater publicity to increase membership, it is better to err on the side of sending mailings to too many people than to limit mailings to dues-paid members.

11. The executive committee agreed (a) to award Craig Kallendorf a subvention of \$200 (\$100 for the member's subvention plus \$100 of the president's subvention) to attend the RSA meeting next month and (b) to award no subvention either to the president or a member in 1994 because SCRC will be meeting concurrently with RSA.

12. Susan Krantz, this year's program chair, brought up the problems caused when scholars send the same paper for consideration for different conferences, even those that meet on the same weekend. The executive committee discussed possible ways to discourage such practices.

13. Given the difficulty in finding suitable meeting sites, Jim Potts and Gloria Fiero suggested the need for a committee for future planning.

14. The executive committee passed a resolution thanking Susan Krantz, program chair, and David Middleton, local arrangements chair, for their excellent contributions to this year's meeting.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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