

SOUTH-CENTRAL RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 6, 1995

Present: Christopher Baker, Greg Bentley, James Baumlin, Tita French Baumlin, Liana Cheney, Craig Kallendorf, Susan Krantz, Sandra Mayfield, John Mercer, Martha Oberle, James Potts, Herbert Turrentine

1. Susan Krantz, SCRC president, called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. in the Hilton Northwest in Oklahoma City.
2. John Mercer, secretary-treasurer, presented the minutes of the 1994 executive committee meeting, and they were approved. Mercer reported that the organization had 121 dues-paid and emeritus members for calendar year 1994.
3. Mercer presented the treasurer's report for fiscal year 1994-95, which showed a balance of \$1760.11 in a checking account and \$7353.62 in a certificate of deposit. The board advised him to look into the possibility of withdrawing the money in the CD and reinvesting it at a higher rate of interest. Because SCRC is now spending more than it takes in, the board discussed the possibility of raising annual dues but decided not to make any decision until next year's meeting, when the financial needs of Explorations under its new editor will be clearer.
4. James Potts, Newsletter co-editor, agreed to continue with two issues for 1995-96. Krantz requested that the fall issue come out by October and the spring issue by February and that deadlines be adjusted accordingly. Asked to designate one co-editor to receive all submissions, Potts named Jerry Holmes and pleaded for SCRC members to make submissions. To ensure that each issue contains the news that needs to appear, Krantz asked the editors, after the deadline for submissions for each issue, to send the secretary-treasurer a list of items submitted.

The board discussed the desirability of expanding the coverage of the SCRC Newsletter to include such items as reviews of books and films (especially those by SCRC members), pedagogical articles, professional notes, and pieces emphasizing disciplines other than literature. The board agreed that in future the vice president will be responsible to procure one feature article or essay for each issue of the Newsletter. The feature for the fall issue should relate to the host city, theme, and/or special session(s) of the upcoming conference. The feature for the spring issue should relate to an academic or scholarly topic.

The board discussed changing the name of the Newsletter to reflect its expanded focus but decided to put off a decision until next year.

5. Krantz appointed James Baumlin program chair for 1995-96. Herb Turrentine, chair of the nominating committee, nominated Craig Kallendorf for president, Elizabeth Skerpan for vice president (both one-year terms), John Mercer for executive secretary-treasurer (three-year term), and Greg Bentley (one-year term), John Ford, David Hart, and Fred Wharton (two-year terms) for the executive committee.

6. Martha Oberle, reporting for the committee on future meeting sites, suggested Natchez, Mississippi, and conference centers at state parks in Texas as desirable locations.

7. Krantz announced that in 1996 SCRC will meet in St. Louis and that Thomas Moisan of Saint Louis University will serve as local arrangements chair. The date of the meeting will be set soon.

8. The board discussed the importance of recruiting colleagues who are not currently active in SCRC.

9. Krantz announced that SCRC has sent Albert Fields an editor's desk from Levenger (at a total cost of \$86.95) in appreciation of his eleven years as editor of Explorations. In his letter of thanks to SCRC, Fields referred to SCRC as "America's oldest and best Renaissance society." Some suggested using "America's oldest Renaissance society" as the slogan of SCRC.

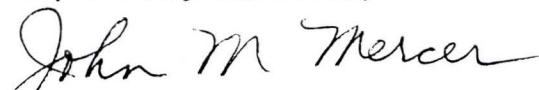
10. The board agreed to eliminate the member's subvention of \$100 to attend RSA and to regularize the president's subvention at \$400.

11. The board agreed to establish a \$100 award, to be called the Albert Fields Prize, for the best essay in each issue of Explorations. The editor of Explorations will determine the process for choosing the winner of the prize.

12. Mercer proposed two changes (see attached page) to bring the SCRC Constitution and By-Laws in line with current practice. The board voted to approve these changes and to present them to the membership on Saturday before a final vote next year.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Mercer
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
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