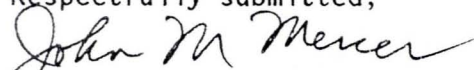


SOUTH-CENTRAL RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 21, 1996

Present: Christopher Baker, Greg Bentley, James Baumlin, Tita French Baumlin, Liana De Girolami Cheney, John Ford, David Hart, Craig Kallendorf, Susan Krantz, John Mercer, James Potts, Elizabeth Skerpan, Phoebe Spinrad, Fred Wharton

1. Craig Kallendorf, SCRC president, called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Clayton Plaza in St. Louis.
 2. John Mercer, secretary-treasurer, presented the minutes of the 1995 executive committee meeting, and they were approved. Mercer reported that the organization had 125 dues-paid and emeritus members for calendar year 1995.
 3. Mercer presented the treasurer's report for fiscal year 1994-95, which showed a balance of \$2795.55 in a checking account and \$7614.12 in a certificate of deposit. He reported that a dues increase is not needed at this time.
 4. Kallendorf expressed appreciation to James Potts and Jerry Holmes for their fine work as co-editors of the Newsletter for the past four years. Kallendorf announced that the new editor is Phoebe Spinrad of Ohio State University. Spinrad expressed the desire to expand the content of the newsletter to include more articles, reviews, and notes. The board voted to change the name of the publication from the SCRC Newsletter to Discoveries: SCRC News and Notes to reflect this new focus. The vice president will continue to have the responsibility to submit at least one feature article for each issue.
 5. Tita French Baumlin, editor of Explorations in Renaissance Culture, presented board members with her first issue of the journal, volume 21. She explained that papers presented at SCRC are no longer automatically considered for publication in EIRC but that publication-length manuscripts may be submitted to EIRC at any time. The board discussed the need to advertise this new policy through the program chair and the session chairs and through the journal. The board decided to award free one-year memberships to nonmembers of SCRC who publish articles in EIRC.
- The board agreed that the host institution should consult with the editor of EIRC before engaging a keynote speaker, that negotiations for the publication in EIRC of the keynote speaker's address should be combined with those for engagement of the speaker, and that it is desirable but not mandatory to engage a speaker who will also agree to publish in EIRC.
6. Kallendorf appointed Liana De Girolami Cheney program chair for 1996-97. Susan Krantz, chair of the nominating committee, nominated Elizabeth Skerpan for president, James Baumlin for vice president (one-year terms), and Lester Brothers, Megan Conway, and Donald Dickson for the executive committee (two-year terms).
 7. Kallendorf announced that March 20-22, 1997, SCRC will meet in Austin and that George Klawitter of St. Edward's University will serve as local arrangements chair.
 8. The board discussed different ways to increase the participation of historians in SCRC meetings, including the offering of up to three awards at each meeting, but decided to defer action.
 9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Secretary-Treasurer
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