

# SECOLAS GENERAL MEETING

Friday, April 18, 2008

5:30 PM

Ybor City, Florida

## MINUTES

Paula Heusinkveld called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

### Introduction of Executive Committee and Officers

1. **Approval of Minutes from 2007 executive meeting in San José, Costa Rica**
  - Unanimously approved.
2. **Reports**
  - a. **Financial report – Angela Herren, Secretary/ Treasurer**
    - Angela Herren reported that the organization is financially healthy with \$49,669.49 total in the treasury. The expense of producing and distributing the journals has transitioned over to Blackwell and SECOLAS will no longer handle that money. We have had some out of the ordinary expenses this year, such as lawyer fees for reviewing the Blackwell contract, however we have still seen a modest gain for the year. Now that we are paying a flat fee to Blackwell for each individual membership, most of the dues income will be going to Blackwell.
  - b. **Report from editor of *The Latin Americanist* – Greg Weeks)  
Update on the relationship with Blackwell**
    - Jurgen presents for Greg Weeks on TLA. Blackwell is promoting the journal. Should greatly expand circulation of the journal.
    - We now reimburse Wiley-Blackwell for individual memberships. We make profit after revenue is above \$150,000 per year.
    - Two constitutional changes have been passed. Bid for Journal has been changed to take place one year ahead of time to allow, \$10K annual for bids. Also Annals has been folded into the Journal TLA.
    - There is a delay in Annals production this year because of changes with Blackwell.
    - We will be going to four issues. Beginning 2009 we will go to a four issue per year journal. There will be two special issues: 2009 Cuba and its revolution; 2010 Mexican Revolution issue; after 2010 there will be three regular issues and one special.
    - Call for pre-1999 copies of the journal for digitizing.
3. **Announcements**
  - Constitutional change of Secretary and Editors from 3–5 years
  - Steve Morris will be the head of a Website Exploratory Committee. The current website is: [www.secolas.uncc.edu](http://www.secolas.uncc.edu)



**4. Old business – Discussion of future conference sites:**

**a. New Orleans 2009 (J. Huck) – conference theme/ program chairs**

- April 16–18 2009. Keynote Speaker (he would like to solicit suggestions). Perhaps Lee Woodward to recognize his accomplishments. Conference theme is decided by Blake Pattridge. Hotel is not decided yet. Perhaps theme of Crisis/Disaster and Recovery/Survival.

**b. Mexico City 2010 (Carmen Collado)**

- Instituto Mora over Easter in 2010. Six rooms are available. Students are still out the week after Easter, so this will be a better time for the conference.

**c. Mississippi 2011?**

- Mississippi said no, but then said maybe.

**5. Announcements**

- The Executive Committee approved the UNCC bid for the Secretariat and the UNCC/Wingate bid for the Editors
- Paula Heusinkveld will create a newsletter this year.

**6. Elections**

- Election of President-Elect. The Board presents Greg Crider as a nominee. Floor opened to nomination and closed. Unanimously elected by acclamation.
- Election of At-Large Member to Replace James Huck. Board presents Carmen Rivera as nominee. Floor opened and closed. Unanimously elected by acclamation for 3-year term.

**7. Announcement of Award Committees.**

**a. Awards committees**

**i. Thomas Book Award – (3 year staggered appointments)**

- Isabel continues. James Huck was temporary one-year replacement and continues. Jurgen Buchenau stays on. Magdalena Maiz Peña is interested in doing this in the future. Jurgen is on 2<sup>nd</sup> year and will become chair of the committee.

**ii. Leavitt – this year's winner**

- Greg Crider, Angela Willis, Lyman Johnson. Greg Crider rotates off.
- Next year's committee will be Angela Willis, Lyman Johnson, and new winner.

**iii. Moseley –**

- Stephen Morris remains on the committee for 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Paula Heusinkveld volunteers. Susan Socolow remains. Bruce Dean Willis rotates off.

**Thank you Paula for service over the last year.**

**Announcement of Yucatan book by SECOLAS Members.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.**