

**SECOLAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 8, 2010, 3:00-5:00 PM**  
**Sala Mozart, Instituto Mora**  
**Mexico City, DF**

**MINUTES**

**In attendance:** Richmond Brown, Jürgen Buchenau, Gregory Crider, Timothy Hawkins, Angela Herren, Paula Heusinkveld, Stephen Morris, Blake Pattridge, Carmen Collado, Carmen Rivera, Geoffroy De LaForcade

**1. Approval of Minutes from 2009 executive committee and general committee meetings in Ybor City, Florida.**

- The 2009 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**2. Reports**

**a. Financial report – Angela Herren, Secretary/Treasurer**

- Angela Herren reported that the organization is financially healthy with \$55,536.61 total in the treasury. The Oppenheimer account saw a gain of \$17.79 and stands at \$27,016.04. We hold \$30,135.62 in our general accounts.
- The membership count is 146.

**b. Report from editor of *The Latin Americanist* – Greg Weeks)**

- Greg Weeks reported that The Latin Americanist journal is doing well. Institutional subscriptions are up 121%. There have been 1800 downloads of articles. Blackwell is pleased with the marketing of the journal. 2011 will have a special issue edited by Jürgen Buchenau and Greg Weeks.

**c. Report from editor of the Annals edition – Greg Crider)**

- The Annals is doing well. There have been some technical discussions with Blackwell.

**d. Report on Website – Steve Morris**

- Steve Morris reported that the website is up, accessible, up to date, and easy to get to. There was discussion about creating Paypal payments for membership through the website. CLAH does this and it costs \$3-4 per transaction.

**3. Announcements**

- No announcements

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

- a. **Charleston/Charlotte 2011? – Paula will look into Charleston in March. Clemson has space in Charleston. We need university rather than hotel space. Discussion of planning around St. Patrick’s Day and Spring Break. It was noted that the host institution usually gives a subvention toward the reception, keynote speaker, coffee service. Columbia, SC was discussed as an alternate possibiity. Tim Hawkins moved that the 2011 conference be hosted by SECOLAS, tentatively on March 16-19. Paula was authorized to lay the groundwork. Jurgen and Greg C. were designated to represent SECOLAS as backup. There was acclamation.**
- b. **Gainesville 2012 – Richmond Brown will host with the Center for Latin American Studies in late March.**
- c. **Latin America: Cartagena? Havana? 2013 There was discussion of Nashville, Memphis, Mobile, Antigua, Cartagena, Havana.**

**5. New Business**

- a. **Discussion of creating job descriptions for the various positions.**
- b. **Discussion of stating explicitly in the Call For Papers that both conference registration and membership fees are required.**
- c. **Discussion of publishing conference papers or abstracts online, but it was suggested that this might cause problems with Blackwell and compete with the Annals.**
- d. **Discussion of creating lifetime memberships.**
- e. **Discussion of SECOLAS reception at LASA to be coordinated with Wiley-Blackwell.**

**5. New Officers/Elections**

**a. President elect**

- **Greg Weeks was nominated. He agreed to serve if elected.**

**b. At large member to replace Ana-Isabel Aliaga Buchenau and Carmen Rivera**

- **Ann Gonzalez (2013)**
- **Tim Hawkins (2012)**
- **Liz Moran (2011)**

**c. Award Committees.**

**a. Awards committees – rotations and replacements (3 year staggered appointments)**

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

- Stephen Morris (2013); Magdalena Maiz-Peña (2012); Scott Beck (2011).
- ii. Sturgis Leavitt Award**
- Timothy Hawkins (2013); Michael Pisani (2012); Tom Rogers (2011).
- iii. Edward Moseley Student Paper Award**
- Elizabeth Moran (2013); Hal Jones (2012); Paula Huesinkveld (2011).

**Everyone thanked Gregory Crider for his service and the meeting was adjourned.**