

THURSDAY, March 12, 2015, 5:00-7:00 PM
Carolina Room A
Francis Marion Hotel
Charleston, SC

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Jurgen Buchenau, Greg Crider, Tim Hawkins, Jimmy Huck, Steven Hyland, Steve Morris, Blake Pattridge, Angela Rajagopalan, Alejandro Velez, Greg Weeks, Angela Willis

Welcome and thank you to Jurgen Buchenau and Greg Crider for serving as conference organizers!

1) Reports

- **Financial Report - Steven Hyland, Secretary-Treasurer**
 - Steven Hyland reports that the organization is financially healthy, with \$69,250.01 in the treasury as of March 11, 2015; of which \$17,663.84 dedicated to conference, leaving \$51,586.17 in non-conference funds.
 - Our Oppenheimer Money Market account remains very conservative, so we had no losses and a modest gain of \$3.64, new total of \$27,032.67.
 - In our Savings account, we currently hold \$21,808.66.25. There were no withdrawals in Quarter 1 of 2015. Only two withdrawals in 2014
 - The current total in our Checking account is \$16,771.17.
 - 2014 expenses were to Wiley Blackwell and the award winners
 - 2015 expenses to date include payment to Wiley Blackwell and conference related expenses
 - We have \$4,021.70 in the Paypal account that will eventually be transferred to Checking.
 - Regarding Membership: As of March 11, 2015 membership is up 8% over 2014 from 177 to 191 paid members; SECOLAS was able to pay the Wiley Blackwell dues solely from 2015 membership dues

- Steven Hyland noted that it made financial sense for SECOLAS to organize the annual conference and thus benefit from any surplus to grow the organization's reserves
- **Report on *The Latin Americanist* - Greg Weeks, Editor**
 - Greg Weeks reported that TLA is going very well. Relationship with Wiley Blackwell is very positive; General concern has been money; TLA is now looking at other possibilities, such as adding 'Early View,' which is available at no additional cost
 - Greg Crider and Angela Willis encouraged the organization to capitalize on social media platforms for spreading TLA
- **Report on the Annals edition of TLA - Greg Crider, Co-Editor**
 - Only 12 papers were submitted last year; need to grow the numbers, but still ended up publishing 8 great articles
 - Need to visit Wiley to talk about the relationship
 - Occasionally TLA gets interests from other possible suitors
 - Nature of contract with Wiley make its nearly impossible to leave
 - Question raised: How much does revenue TLA generate for Wiley?
 - Answer: \$30,000
 - Jurgen Buchenau and Greg Weeks raised the question: How much value does TLA have?
 - Greg Weeks reiterated that he has a super responsive relationship with Wiley and Martha Lovvol

2) Announcements

- Steven Hyland was tasked with creating an electronic poll to vote on the language change to the SECOLAS constitution creating two spots on the Executive Committee for graduate students
- Steven Hyland also noted that roughly 1/3 of presenters were graduate students

3) Annual Conference

- **International in 2016**
 - i. Discussion took place regarding the upcoming conference sites. Dr. Alejandro Velez of St. Mary's University forwarded a detailed proposal to hold the 2016 annual conference in Cartagena, Colombia. The Executive Committee also entertained a proposal to host the meeting in Merida, Mexico. After short discussion, the Executive Committee voted to host the 2016 conference in Cartagena. Jurgen Buchenau, Greg Crider, and Steven Hyland will serve as conference organizers.
- **2017**
 - Chapel Hill, North Carolina (UNC/Duke as co-hosts)
- **2018**
 - ii. Nashville, Tennessee - proposed by Steve Morris; will be decided at SECOLAS 2016
- **Observations from the organizers**
 - iii. Greg Crider noted that he and Jurgen learned a lot in the process of organizing this year's conference. Future organizers should entertain competing offers from hotels (something not really available in Charleston due to several reasons)
 - iv. Future might also consider competing bids from different cities.

4) **New Business**

- **Program Chairs for next year**
 - (Humanities/Literature) Christopher Dennis, UNC-Wilmington
 - (History/Social Sciences) Steven Taylor, Troy University

5) **Elections**

- **President Elect**
 - The Executive Committee nominated Paul Worley
- **At Large members**

- Current members are Jimmy Huck (2015), Blake Pattridge (2016), and Rebecca Atencio (2017). The Executive Committee nominated Alejandro Velez to serve as a new At-Large member until 2018, replacing Jimmy Huck
- **Award Committees**
 - i. **Alfred B. Thomas Book Award - (3 year staggered appointments)**
 - Current committee consists of: Ann Gonzalez (2015); Steven Taylor (2016), and Tim Hawkins (2017). The Executive Committee nominated Rebecca Atencio (2018) to be a replacement for Ann Gonzalez.
 - ii. **Sturgis Leavitt Award - (3 year staggered appointments)**
 - Current committee consists of: Rebecca Atencio (2015); Matt Childs (2016); Carmen Collado (2017).
 - This year's winner will be appointed to the committee.
[Retroactive note: Ben Cowan was awarded the Sturgis Leavitt Award and will replace Rebecca Atencio]
 - iii. **Edward Moseley Award - (3 year staggered appointments)**
 - The current committee is: Jimmy Huck (2015); Matt Childs (2016); Oscar de la Torre (2017). The Executive Committee nominated a replacement for Jimmy Huck: Mike Pisani (2018)

6) Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM.

[Minutes were approved on April 10, 2015.]