

SECOLAS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 17, 2008

3:30 PM

Ybor City, Florida

MINUTES

In attendance: Angela Herren, Paula Heusinkveld, Blake Pattridge, Steve Morris, Jurgen Buchenau, Halbert Jones, Carmen Rivera, Gregory Crider, Jimmy Huck, Paul Dosal, Rich Brown

President Paula Heusinkveld called the meeting to order at 3:30PM.

1. Approval of Minutes from 2007 executive meeting in San José, Costa Rica

- Jurgen Buchenau moved. Blake Pattridge seconded. 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.
- Re: future profit of journal: Jurgen Buchenau proposed 50/50 split of revenue between the Journal and its host institution and SECOLAS. Jurgen Buchenau moved. Stephen Morris seconded. Unanimously agreed to pursue this course of action.

b. Report from editor of *The Latin Americanist* – Greg Weeks Update on the relationship with Blackwell

- Jurgen Buchenau presented for Greg Weeks on TLA. Blackwell now handles website of journal. Every member can access back issues to 2000. In Boston, the Editors were told that Wiley Blackwell would like to put all issues on line. They need pre-2000 hard copies of the journal to digitize. We should request this of members at the general Business Meeting. From this point on the Annals issue will be the first issue. Submission process will be online now and editing, etc. will be online. This has delayed publication of the journal

this year. Beginning 2009 we will go to a 4 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 edition. Special issues should span more than one discipline (History, Literature, Political Science, etc.). Volume cycle follows calendar year.

- Greg Crider reported on the Annals. June 1 is deadline for paper submissions (though flexible). The editors need four months to produce the issue. Therefore, final articles are needed by Nov. 1.

c. Report on constitutional changes – Jurgen Buchenau

- Jurgen Buchenau reported that the constitutional changes passed and were implemented as discussed in the emails that we all received.

d. Report on Website – Jurgen Buchenau

- One student is managing many websites, including SECOLAS. There are outdated pictures on the website. Jurgen requested that people submit replacement photos. Google doesn't pick up the website. UNCC and other search engines do pick up the website which is: www.secolas.uncc.edu. Question of who should maintain the website. Angela suggested requesting Exploratory Committee members to address this issue. Stephen Morris will be head of that Exploratory Committee.

e. Report on outreach activities for SECOLAS (e.g. LASA) – Steve Morris

- Stephen Morris reports on LASA Reception. First time was in Puerto Rico. This one was not as successful. Not a lot of attendance because of simultaneous receptions. 2009 Wiley-Blackwell may sponsor the reception. However, it is good advertising for the organization and the journal. Stephen Morris volunteered to organize the LASA reception at the Brazil conference. Announce in general meeting.

3. Old business - Discussion of future conference sites:

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

- The dates will be 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)

- Jurgen Buchanau reported that it will be at Instituto Mora over Easter in 2010. But difficult to travel, expensive airfare. Unclear if there will be enough meeting rooms. Colegio de Mexico is also an option. Great academic reputation. Centrally located. Jurgen Buchenau and Greg Crider will look in on this. [Secretary-Treasurer note: the date and room issues at Instituto Mora were subsequently solved.]

c. Mississippi 2011?

- Mississippi said no, but then said maybe.

4. New Business

a. Bids for Latin Americanist & Secretariat

- Only one bid was submitted. The bid is from UNCC to continue with the Secretariat and UNCC and Wingate to continue with the journal editorship. The first vote was for the Secretariat: Jimmy Huck moved, Carmen Rivera seconded. It was unanimously approved. Angela Herren will continue as Secretary/Treasurer. The second vote was for the Editorship: Stephen Morris moved, Blake Pattridge seconded. It was unanimously approved. Greg Weeks will continue as Editor of The Latin Americanist. Greg Crider and Jurgen Buchenau will continue to co-edit the Annals edition of the journal.

b. Membership Dues – changes?

- Dues to stay the same for now.

c. Newsletter - discussion of editorship

- It was suggested that the Past President handle this. Paula Heusinkveld agreed to undertake this.

d. Changes in awards rules?

- The question was raised as to whether there should be an Award on Literature and the Humanities? The Executive Committee discussed and decided that this would not be a good idea because it sets a precedent of specialization. The issue of increasing award amounts was discussed. It was decided that this should not be done at this time since we need to see how the organizations finances look after the switch to Blackwell.

5. New Officers/Elections

a. President elect

- Greg Crider was nominated. Jurgen Buchenau moved. Angela Herren seconded. Greg Crider agreed to serve if elected.

b. At large member to replace James Huck

- Jurgen Buchenau nominated Carmen S. Rivera. She agreed to serve if elected.

c. 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 2nd 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. [Secretary-Treasurer note: Thomas Rogers won the 2008 Sturgis Leavitt award and will serve on the committee]
- It was discussed whether ties are allowable in the Sturgis Leavitt and other awards. It was decided to continue the current policy of not allowing ties for any of the awards.

iii. Moseley –

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

6. Implementing Graduate student support.

- Sub-committee of Rich Brown, Jimmy Huck, Paula Heusinkveld. They will investigate this matter further when we have a better idea of how the finances will work out with the Blackwell arrangement.

Stephen Morris moved to adjourn, Greg Crider seconded. The meeting was adjourned.