

ACIS Executive Meeting (II)

June 7, 2003

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Campus, Rm. 0EC 210

Meeting called to order at 2:36 pm.

Present: Ed Madden, Thomas Ihde, Monica Brennan, Nora McGuinness, Jerrold Casway, Michael Gillespie, Tim Meagher, Jose Lanter, David Gardiner, Eileen Kearney, Kathryn Conrad, John Harrington.

I. Introductions and Announcements.

II. Nomination of Secretary and Treasurer. Secretary Kathryn Conrad and Treasurer David Gardiner nominated for 2-year term. **Motion** approved, 2nded. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Review of Program Policy Procedures.

IV. Committee Assignments:

Harrington noted that past experience suggests that it is very difficult to select papers by committee. One person should put together the program and then get feedback on schedule from discipline reps. CAIS/BIS will submit to one pool. Other options for the program discussed were audiotaping sessions and preparing an optional directory of participants at end of conference schedule.

Program Committee:

Eamonn Wall (Chair)

Jose Lanter

Eileen Kearney

Tim Meagher

Publications Committee:

Consider working papers; who might be interested in picking up working papers?

Thomas Ihde (Chair)

Finance Committee:

David Gardiner (Chair)

Pubs and Finance should establish 3-person committees by end of summer.

Membership Committee:

Kathryn Conrad (Chair)

Ed Madden

Matt Jockers

Motion to approve committee proposed slate as amended.

Moved; seconded; motion approved unanimously.

V. Book Prizes

Harrington suggested shortening the timeline for the Book Prize Committee; Wall will try to catch up on the schedule so we aren't announcing the 2003 book award at the 2005 national, but rather in 2004.

Discussion of the composition of the book prize committees: diversity of age, field, etc.

VI. Newsletter

There has been positive response to call for Newsletter editor. Any kind of items that go to next newsletter should go to John in interim. Aug. 15 deadline for items.

VII. Business from Previous Executive.

Irish Studies history and electronic voting were raised as possibilities to pursue. Casway suggested collecting oral histories of founding members of ACIS. Harrington suggested discussing this over e-mail, and perhaps formalizing the past presidents' luncheon to facilitate this.

VIII. New Business

Options for ACIS projects in future:

Curriculum and pedagogy.

Internet bibliographical resources.

Better connections to other organizations.

Internally funded grants.

Support travelling lectures, screenings, etc.

Summer institutes: college/university teachers, high school, etc.

Visiting scholar/research grants (with matching funds, perhaps, from host institutions).

Casway suggested promoting the online Guide to Irish Studies in the U.S. more fully.

Membership committee: how to promote the website.

Casway asked how long ILS has been published, suggesting that we acknowledge the ILS anniversary at Notre Dame.

Gardiner noted that we have \$2500 of donation money. There is no automatic dispersal of donations except regionals. We can give up to \$1000 to institutions. Already giving \$1000. Harrington recommended that we donate to the Linen Hall Library, the National Library of Ireland, and the Graduate Irish Studies association..

Motion to donate \$1000 James Joyce Center in Dublin for centenary year. \$500 each to the Irish Grad Student Association, the Linen Hall Library, and the National Library of Ireland.

Moved, seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Pedagogy sessions. Madden noted that the Southern regional conference had an Irish pedagogy session with no competing sessions, which was successful. Suggestion to Wall to consider stressing Irish studies pedagogy and curriculum issues; consider even as a plenary session. McGuinness noted that we will have a unique opportunity with 3 international associations.

Motion to adjourn. Moved, seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Conrad
Secretary