

ACIS Executive Meeting, April 16, 2005

Matthew Jockers and Kristine Byron were proposed and approved as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

At the meeting of the “previous” executive on April 12, it was decided that we should move the day and time of meeting of the executive. Previously, this meeting has been held on the Wednesday afternoon. Beginning next year, we will meet on the Thursday, April 20. This will make it easier for West Coast people to attend. The conference runs from April 19-22 and will be held in the Sheraton Hotel and hosted by UM-St. Louis and co-hosted by other St. Louis area universities and arts groups: Washington Univ., St. Louis University, St. Louis Community College-Florissant, and St. Louis Irish Arts.

We agreed to resume payments of \$1000 to the Linen Hall and National Library of Ireland, respectively.

Matt Jockers proposed that we hire a graphic designer for the website. We allocated \$500 for this.

We discussed the possibility of creating a new logo for the organization.

We set up two new committees: Mini Grants Committee: Joan Dean (chair), Joseph Lennon, Rachael Lynch, Mary Ann Ryan. This committee is charged with providing a report to the executive and general meeting in St. Louis in April 2006 on how the organization can better serve its membership in the areas of mini-grants and travel fellowships and stipends of various kinds.

Membership Committee: John Harrington (chair), Mary Ann Ryan, Scott Boltwood (sboltwoo@ehc.edu), and others as decided by John. This committee is charged with providing the executive and general meeting in St. Louis with a report on how ACIS membership can be increased, retained, and better-served.

Standing committees: Program: Jim Rogers (chair), Eamonn Wall, Kristine Byron. This committee is charged with advising the host institutions of national conferences on the shaping of the academic programs of the conferences.

Tom Ihde will continue as chair of the Publications committee. Tim McMahon, and Bill Mulligan will also serve on this committee. Charges: We have never replaced the ACIS Annual: should we find some way of doing so? Should we revamp the *Newsletter*?

According the ACIS Bylaws, I need to propose a Financial Committee and it needs to be approved by a majority of the Executive. I propose Kristine Byron as chair and Jose Lanters and Tim White also serving. Can you send me your vote on this—Approve or Disapprove.

Joseph Lennon will serve as liaison between ACIS and MLA and is charged with coordinating our sessions at MLA and with co-hosting our party with the International James Joyce Society.

Tim McMahon will serve as liaison between ACIS and AHA and is charged with coordinating our sessions at MLA and with suggesting other initiatives.

All discipline representatives are charged with bringing more scholars from other organizations they are involved in into ACIS and with promoting ACIS in other organizations.

It was generally agreed that we need to make a big push this year to increase membership and to make sure that all speakers at our conferences—national and regionals—be fully paid up members of ACIS. We would not have had a loss for the year, had everyone who presented papers at Notre Dame paid.