

ACIS 2008  
ACIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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APRIL 17, 2008  
11:30 AM

I. Announcements and Greetings

President Lanter called to order at 12:03PM along the banks of the Mississippi . . . She thanked everyone (Dean, Pearce, and Heining were unable to attend for various reasons) for their participation in lengthy email exchanges.

Special thanks to Byron and Jockers for finances and for secretary duties and new web features (paypal, etc.). Thanks also to Crowell (literature rep) for panels at MLA and book prize and to Tim McMahon for AHA panel. Thanks to Farrell for the Newsletter, which has become a very beautiful publication. Thanks to Wall, Terry Williams and Cynthia Matyi for the creation of the new brochures. All praised the new brochure and there was great rejoicing.

Lanter noted that the *Irish Studies Review* is a very expensive journal and they are giving ACIS members a discount.

Ellen Crowell (Literature Representative) reported early (her paper panel was in conflict with the meeting):

- MLA party with James Joyce org. went very well
- MLA call for papers went out and there were 25-30 proposals for each panel. Panels will include "Archival Approaches to Wilde" and another on "Irish Spectacle," a third prospective panel "Narratives of New Irish Immigration" did not receive enough submissions to go forward.
- Rhodes prize received 15 submissions--two were selected

II Approval of Minutes: Executive Committee Meeting, April 19, 2007

Sean Farrell moved to accept minutes, the motion was seconded by McGovern and the ensuing vote in favor was unanimous.

III. President's Report: José Lanter

A. ACIS Grants and Sponsorships

- Lanter reported on grants accepted: three in the fall one in the Spring. \$6750 was spent on Grants: \$2000 of which was for two library donations (see budget for details).
- The executive reviewed the mission of the grants: to support Irish studies and to bring new members to ACIS. Discussion of multi-year applicants (Film Festival, for example, which is an annual event) ensued. While the executive has some

reluctance to sponsor events over and over again the film festival has served as an excellent venue for the ACIS mission. Lanterns asked if we should fund them for a more extended period in the way that we sponsor the Linen Hall Library and National Library. Discussion followed suggesting that the grant process may not be the most appropriate way to fund this; it was suggested that perhaps it should become a contribution. Sean Farrell is going to edit the guidelines and the executive will then review the language and vote to approve or reject via email after this meeting.

#### B. New Book Prize

- Can books in the Irish language be submitted? Perhaps we should have a separate prize for books in Irish and it looks like a 500 Euro Prize will be sponsored Foras Na Gaeilge (state funded Irish organization). Brian O Conchubhair (Irish language rep) negotiated this relationship.

#### C. Non-US Membership

- Daire Keogh (International Treasurer) raised the issue that European membership is very low, especially among historians. He suggested taking out ads in Irish journals. Discussion followed. All agreed that Galway is likely to provide a boon to international membership. The executive agreed to think more about ways to target Irish historians in particular. Sean Farrell will head a committee to investigate ways to recruit new international members, especially historians. See also new Business

#### D. Past Presidents' Meeting: Saturday, April 19, 11:30 AM.

Just an announcement to say that lots of past presidents are attending.

### IV. Vice President's Report: James Rogers

#### A. Book Prizes

- Rogers summarized the entries this year, and asked that members of the selection committees read the results at the General Business Meeting tomorrow. Rogers sent out lots of announcements to many new publishers. Lowery will give us a free ad in the ILS this coming year. The workload of reviewing all the books this year was huge. Some prizes received over 20 entries. It was noted that we need to get the book prizes into a table in the ACIS DB so that the web site can display the results with user sorting. Jockers agreed to work on this when he could find the time.
- Rogers gave special thanks to those on the review committees and he acknowledged both the amount of time and poor time of year in which the process takes place

#### B. Future Conference Sites

- 2009 Galway, June date uncertain
- 2010 Arizona State in April

- 2011 Sean Farrell is considering the possibility of Chicago
- 2012 Unknown

#### C. Elections

- Rogers will form a nominations committee and encouraged all of us to consider nominees.

#### V. Treasurer's Report: Kristine Byron

- Byron passed out the annual spending and income report. She noted that the extension to the membership expiration (moved to be calendar year rather than academic year) date gives the impression of few funds compared to last year and noted that this is a artifact of the change to the renewal date. Byron also noted the positive changes wrought by the addition of paypal and how there are now many fewer steps for the Treasurer. Byron has secured an accountant and will be meeting with him to discuss tax related matters. The fee for the accountant is in the budget. Byron will be sending out an email reminder to entire membership to pay their dues.
- Byron distributed the proposed budget and McGlynn motioned to accept the past year's budget and the proposed budget, Sommers seconded the motion. Unanimous acceptance.

#### VI. Secretary's Report: Matthew Jockers

- Noted that we have 1000 members paid 2007+
- Noted that we have 700 members paid up for 2008+
- Noted his addition of PayPal to web site
- Noted his addition of new "Executive Only" features to web site
- Noted that we will use email for correspondence
- Noted his addition of generic email addresses \_\_\_\_\_@acisweb.com for key members of the executive.
- Noted the need for a new Secretary / web master / database administrator for 2009

#### VII. Publications Committee Report: Joan F. Dean

- Joan Dean was not able to attend.

#### VIII. Regional Representatives Report

- Mary McGlynn reported on the Mid Atlantic conference at Lemoyne and noted that no venue yet for next fall. Rogers spoke for Pearce and McMahon who could not attend. The Midwest conference was at UMKC. Next fall it will be at Metro State in Minneapolis.
- Quintelli-Neary reported on the Southern conference in Savannah; it was fabulous and next March it will be at U Tennessee at Chattanooga.
- Mary Powers will host next years Western Regional meeting at the University New Mexico, Albuquerque, in October.

- Sommers reported on the New England, meeting at the University of Massachusetts in Boston; it was a fine meeting and well attended. Next fall Boston University will host and the theme will be "Myths and Monuments."

IX. Discipline Representative Report

- Sean Farrell reported on ACIS sponsored panels at AHA and that he has put in proposals for next year. He also noted that ACIS hosted a reception at AHA.
- ACIS sponsored a panel on teaching Irish history at UMKC, and Sean suggested that this be an annual thing. It was a huge success, he noted and he would like to set up a syllabus archive on the ACIS web site.

X. Agenda for General Business Meeting: Friday, April 18, 11:30 AM.

Lanterns passed out the agenda for the GBM. Rogers motioned to approve and Sean Farrell seconded. The agenda was accepted unanimously.

XI. New Business

Under the category of the Recruitment and Membership committee chaired by Farrell, Rogers proposes consideration of giving the disciplinary reps a budget to use to waive registration fees as a recruiting tool. Sommers proposed consideration of honorary memberships

Sean Farrell moved to adjourn and Sommers seconded; all were in favor.

The meeting thus ended and there was much rejoicing.