

ACIS 2008
ACIS GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
BALLROOM, RADISSON QUAD CITY
APRIL 18, 2008
11:30 AM

Announcements and Greetings:

President Lanters called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM with warm greetings to all. She noted the exceptional turnout and the fine lunch. She thanked the members of the executive for their hard work, especially the Secretary and Treasurer for their work on the finances and the web site. Thanks too, to Tyler Farrell and Bob Lowery for their work on the Newsletter and ILS. Thanks to Wall, Terry Williams and Cynthia Matyi for the creation of the new brochures.

Lanters noted that the Irish Studies Review is offering a discount to ACIS members--see the web site for more information.

I. Approval of Minutes:

- ACIS General Business Meeting, CUNY Graduate Center, April 20, 2007. Donnelly moved and Redshaw seconded a motion to approve the Minutes from 2007. The Minutes were approved.

II. President's Report: José Lanters

- ACIS Grants and Sponsorships: Lanters reported on the \$1K donations to the National Library of Ireland and the Linen Library. She noted the two deadlines for the \$1500 grants and that we rewarded 4 grants this year, spending \$6750. The grants were given to the NCC Writers Conference, the Chicago Irish Film Festival, Murray State University, and the James Farrell Book launch. Lanters encouraged the membership to apply for these grants.
- New Book Prize: Lanters announced the new book prize in Irish Language and offered background about how a number of publishers called to ask if they could submit books in the Irish language. This posed a problem for the committee, but Brian O Conchubhair (Irish Language Rep.) came to the rescue and then negotiated a relationship with *Foras Na Gaeilge* (state funded Irish organization) and it looks like a 500 Euro Prize will be sponsored.
- Non-US Membership: Non-US membership is down especially among historians. The Executive committee has created a membership and recruitment committee, chaired by Sean Farrell with Wall and Rogers participating. Lanters asked for suggestions to be sent to Farrell.
- Past Presidents' Meeting: Saturday, April 19, 11:30 AM. will be attended 12 or more.

III. Vice President's Report: James Rogers

- Book Prizes: Some prizes had more than 20 books to consider. Exceptional submissions. Rogers announced the prizes and the chairs of the respective committees read the blurbs for the prizewinners.
- Future Conference Sites: ACIS will go to Arizona State in 2010. Next year, in June, ACIS will go to NUI Galway. Louis De Paor came to podium and expressed his excitement at hosting the 2009 conference. The theme for the conference is migrations: "New Irish, Old Ireland, the same people in the same place" 10-13 of June. The CFP was distributed.
- Elections 2009: Rogers had little to report except that the nominations committee will be named soon, and he encouraged all to submit their names and the names of others. Rogers noted that free lunch is to be counted among the many benefits of participation in the executive.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Kristine Byron

- Byron noted highlights of the current budget including membership dues income. Byron noted that 20 people currently attending the conference still had not paid their dues and that this is a requirement of participation. Byron noted the addition this year of PayPal to purchase memberships. That has greatly simplified the work of the treasurer and secretary and all members are strongly encouraged to use PayPal.
- Byron entertained questions about the budget. MacKillop asked if we could do a first class mailing. Discussion followed about the best way to keep members informed of their status. It was noted that every newsletter is now mailed first class and includes on the member address a four digit year indicating that year in which the member's membership expires--on 12/31.
- McGovern moved and Crowell seconded the motion to approve the 08-09 budget. All approved.

V. Secretary's Report: Matthew Jockers

- 1000 members 2007+
- 700 members paid up 2008+
- Institution of PayPal for memberships

VI. Publications Committee Report:

- Joan F. Dean was unavailable to report. Lanter noted the work on the brochure and the possibility of putting more work online.

VII. New Business:

Sean Farrell moved that the organization thank Ryan Dye and Byron seconded. Great applause followed. Lanter presented Ryan with a small token of appreciation. Lanter further thanked all of those at St. Ambrose who assisted Ryan in the conference.

Sean Farrell moved and Donnelly seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed.