HSNA Business Meeting  
Vancouver, 2016  
Pavilion Room B

Board Members Present: Michael Ruhling, president; Michael Lamkin, vice-president; Alex Ludwig, secretary; Bert van Boer; Mark Ferraguto


Respectfully Absent: W. Dean Sutcliffe, James Webster, Bruce MacIntyre

called to order at 12:17

1. Welcome by outgoing president, Michael Ruhling *(hereafter MR)*

2. Old Business
   ○ Reports
     ■ President, MR  
       ■ Overview on the Mini-conference  
       ■ MR thanks the conference committee, including the chairman Michael Lamkin, Mark Ferraguto and Dean Sutcliffe  
       ■ Update on the Journal  
       ■ MR is pursuing opportunities for publication with other academic presses  
       ■ He implores members to increase our institutional and individual members  
       ■ He thanks Mary Sue Morrow for guest editing the recent issue on Pedagogy
     ■ Secretary, Alex Ludwig  
       ■ Elections (Michael Lamkin)  
       ■ Mary Sue Morrow was elected President
Alex Ludwig was re-elected as Secretary
Elaine Sisman and Melanie Lowe were elected to positions on the Board
Michael Lamkin made special note to thank two departing members
- Jim Webster, who is stepping down from the Board
- Michael Ruhling as outgoing president

Membership (Alex Ludwig)
Alex noted the membership stands at 40 members
- 17 lifetime and 23 new members
  - 17 of the new members were previously unaffiliated with the Society
- Two new institutional members bring our numbers to 16
  - please check the status of CCM & Cornell

Treasurer (Bruce, in absentia)
- the endowment has undergone a few changes
  - it is not healthy at the moment
- the press receives institutional money; the society receives the individual members

3. New Business
   ○ Discussion of Conference
     - discussion from the floor
     - Marita McClymonds likes the format of the conference
     - Poundie Burstein advocates the coupling of HSNA mini-conference with the joint sessions of AMS & SMT
     - Kathy Lamkin appreciates the broad scope, and interchange with LvB, and Jim MacKay agrees
Rebecca Marchand asked: does LvB do it every year? Yes, 6th or 7th in a row
  MR: the comparison w/LvB is they don’t charge a conference fee; they have outside funding the LvB center, other institutes & universities
  it is also a good way to increase membership for the society
Elaine Sisman noted that joint sessions are good, but registers that it is frustrating certain panels were simultaneous with the Beethoven Society
Rebecca M. implored us not to preclude other societies from joining us
Stephen Fisher: likes the idea of doing something different in the odd-numbered years
Mary Sue Morrow: perhaps starting Wednesday afternoon is helpful

  Changes to the By-Laws
  the by-laws broadly discuss and outline the role of the editor, board and society
  Michael R. thanks Rebecca for the online newsletter
  Rebecca asks about the platform for the newsletter
  we will send out an electronic ballot for approval of the Society

4. Guest Presentation of Work in Progress
  Chad Fothergill, “Poets Playing Haydn: A Beginning Study of Haydn’s Literary Reception.”

Meeting Closed at 1:40pm