GSNA EVENTS AT THE 1998 MLA CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GSNA

Tuesday, 29 December 1998
1:45 – 3 p.m.
Hunt Room, Fairmont Hotel

Benjamin Bennett, presiding

1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the last Business Meeting.

2. President's Report, by Benjamin Bennett.


4. Executive Secretary's Report, by Meredith Lee.

5. Yearbook Editor's Report, by Thomas P. Saine.


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CLARK MUENZER NAMED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Clark Muenzer, University of Pittsburgh, has been named by the Executive Board to succeed Meredith Lee as Executive Secretary for a three-year renewable term beginning January 1, 1999. He is Chair of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures at the University of Pittsburgh.

PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE GSNA

Sunday, 27 December 1998
5:15 - 6:30 p.m.
Empire Room, Fairmont Hotel

FROM WEATHER THEORY TO STRANGE WEATHER; OR, DID GOETHE DO CULTURAL STUDIES?

Peter J. Burgard, Harvard University, presiding

1. Nature and History: Concepts of Interdisciplinarity in Goethe and Benjamin.
   Uwe Steiner, Freie Universität, Berlin

2. Goethe und kein Ende.
   Stuart Barnett, Central Connecticut State University

   Benjamin Bennett, University of Virginia

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MINUTES OF THE 1997
BUSINESS MEETING
Toronto, December 30, 1997

Presiding: Benjamin Bennett, Vice-President/
Incoming President

The minutes of the 1996 meeting are approved.

Martha Hefler will chair the 1999 GSNA MLA
session on a topic as yet to be determined.

Bennett has been talking to Bernd Kaufmann in
Weimar in connection with the 250-year Goethe
celebrations in hope of collaborating efforts.

The current officers conclude their three-year
terms at the end of 1997. Ehrhard Bahr will be
stepping down as President of the GSNA, as will
the two Directors-at-Large, Scott Abbott and
Irmgard Wagner, and the Secretary-Treasurer
Todd Kontje. Thanks to all. Benjamin accedes to
the presidency. The new vice-president is Hans
Vagel. The two new Directors-at-Large are
Waltraud Maierhofer and Simon Richter.

Meredith Lee will be stepping down from her
position as Executive Secretary at the end of 1998.
Many thanks to her for many years of service for
the GSNA.

Horst Lange is proposed and accepted as chair of
the GSNA section for the GSA meeting in 1998.

Meredith Lee announces that Ehrhard Bahr has
proposed that the GSNA award a prize for the best
book on Goethe or the Goethezeit, but that a
committee has not yet been formed.

Gloria Flaherty Prize. A committee consisting of
the Vice-President of the GSNA and two Directors
at Large will form to award a prize from funds
bequeathed to the Society for that purpose by
Gloria Flaherty. There will be one yearly deadline
of October 15. All applications will be considered
together. They may be either to support travel to
libraries or archives, or to travel to a conference to
present a paper on Goethe and/or his age. The
award will be approximately $500. At total of two
prizes will be offered each year.

Treasurer-Secretary Todd Kontje presents the
annual finances. This past year showed a con-
siderable profit, largely because there was no
Yearbook in 1997. A Yearbook costs the Society
approximately $3,500 to print and another $1,000
to mail.

Executive Secretary Meredith Lee announces that
Astrida Tantillo will be chairing the 1998 ASECS
section, Horst Lange the 1998 GSA section, and
Peter Burgard the 1998 MLA section. 84 members
voted in the recent election of officers for the
GSNA. We do have new members, some of whom
are attracted via the new web site on the internet.

Additional comments and discussion: Bennett
suggests that the GSNA needs a committee for
awarding a prize for the best essay on Goethe or
his times. Sammons argues that we should
postpone discussion of this matter now. Lee
wonders if we should continue the tradition of
supplementary volumes to the Yearbook, perhaps a
parallel edition of the two versions of Goethe's
Werther. Kontje suggests the Society use excess
money to support symposia to be planned for the
1999 Goethe Year. Bennett points out that he will
try to get funding from separate sources. Sammons
wonders if those who do not pay dues receive the
Yearbook. No, answers Lee. Tom Saine needs
more manuscripts to consider for the upcoming
Yearbook. Irmgard Wagner plans a Goethe day on
April 4 in Washington D.C.

Todd Kontje
Secretary-Treasurer
GERMAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION
7-10 OCTOBER 1999
ATLANTA

GOETHE AND THE QUESTION
OF NATIONAL IDENTITY

Abstracts should be sent to Jonathan Hess, by
February 10, 1999. Jmhess@email.unc.edu; 919-962-
3708 (fax); Department of Germanic Languages, CB
#3160, 438 Dey Hall, University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3160

EAST-CENTRAL AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR
EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY STUDIES
21-23 OCTOBER 1999
WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE
WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Program Theme: Eternal Verities, or, Death, Taxes,
& Other Sensitive Subjects

We invite papers on these and other topics of
abiding interest to scholars of the long eighteenth
century. As always, there will be sessions devoted
to research in progress and teaching the eighteenth
century. Send suggestions for panels by January 1,
1999; send papers or one-page abstracts by June 1,
1999 to: Linda V. Troost, Department of English,
Washington and Jefferson College, Washington,
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GSNA
ANNUAL MEETING
FALL 1999

The fourth annual Southern California GSNA
symposium will be held on a Saturday in October or
November, 1999, (date to be determined) at the Clark
Library in Los Angeles. Discussion will focus on Der
West-östlicher Diven. Why did Goethe turn to
Weltliteratur at a time when others were beginning to
write the history of Germany’s national literature?
Was there a German Orientalism that differed
significantly from that of England or France, and did
Goethe’s Orientalism differ from that of his German
contemporaries (Friedrich Schlegel and others)? One
or two-page proposals on these or other aspects of
the text should be sent to either Ehrhard Bahr
(UCLA) or Todd Kontje (UCSD) by August 1, 1999.

NEASECS
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
9-12 DECEMBER 1999
PROJECTS AND PROJECTORS:
INVENTIONS OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT

GOETHE’S PROJECTS:
LITERARY, ADMINISTRATIVE, SCIENTIFIC

Members of GSNA are invited to submit papers.
Inquiries should be addressed to Edward T. Larkin,
Program Chair, Dept. of Langs., Lits. and Cultures,
University of New Hampshire, Murkland Hall 18,
Durham, NH 03824; etl@christa.unh.edu
Additional information can be found at the home page
of the conference: http://www.unh.edu/history/
golinski/NEASECS/panels.html

MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION
27-30 DECEMBER 1999
CHICAGO

GOETHE AND AESTHETICS

Abstracts should be sent to Martha Helfer by March
1, 1999. Dept. of Languages and Literatures, 1400
LNC), University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112;
Martha.Helfer@mcc.utah.edu
LOOKING AHEAD

THE 1999 ASECS CONFERENCE
MILWAUKEE
March 24-28

GOETHE AND MUSIC
IN WEIMAR OR BEYOND

Chair: Simon Richter, University of Pennsylvania

   Rose Mauro, University of Pennsylvania

2. Der Drang zu Gesang: On Goethe's Dramatic Form.
   Jane K. Brown, University of Washington

   Meredith Lee, University of California, Irvine

SEASECS CONFERENCE
March 4-6, 1999
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

COMMEMORATING GOETHE

Chair: Peter Höyng, University of Tennessee

1. Commemorating Goethe Commemorating Luther.
   Paul Kerry, Brigham Young University

   Nicholas Vazsonyi, University of South Carolina

3. Commemorating Goethe by Ignoring Sources.
   W. Daniel Wilson, University of California, Berkeley

Registration materials: Peter Höyng, Dept. of Germanic Languages, University of Tennessee, Knoxville 37996; hoeyng@utk.edu

GERMAN STUDIES SYMPOSIUM
April 8-10, 1999
University of South Carolina

SEARCHING FOR THE COMMON GROUND:
GERMAN NATIONAL IDENTITY 1750-1871

GOETHE AND THE NATION

Moderator: James Hardin, University of South Carolina

1. The Holy Roman Empire and its Discontents: Goethe and Mösler Reconsidered.
   Horst Lange, University of Nevada, Reno

2. Goethe's Concept of Volk and his Disagreement with the Contemporary Discussion from Herder to Fichte.
   Ehrhard Bahr, University of California, Los Angeles

The symposium is bringing together a select group of scholars, representing a total of six disciplines, who will exchange ideas on a range of issues pertaining to German national identity formation preceding the founding of the second Reich. The symposium is funded by the University of South Carolina as well as grants from the Max Kade Foundation, DAAD, Goethe Institut/Atlanta and the German Embassy. For more information, please contact Nicholas Vazsonyi, University of South Carolina; vazsozyi@sc.edu
FROM THE EDITOR
OF THE GOETHE YEARBOOK

At this time I am inviting submissions to be considered for inclusion in volume ten of the Goethe Yearbook. The Yearbook is open to papers on any aspect or author of the "Goethezeit," not just on Goethe. In contrast to many other publications, there is no stringent limit on the length of papers that can be considered. We adhere more or less to the Chicago Manual of Style rather than to the MLA Style Sheet.

Thomas P. Saine
Editor

CASH BAR AT THE MLA

Tuesday, 29 December, 5:15-6:30 p.m.
Crystal Room, Fairmont Hotel

Members of the Goethe Society of North America are cordially invited to join their colleagues for drinks and conversation on Tuesday, December 29, at 5:15 p.m. The Cash Bar is organized by the German Department of the University of California, Irvine.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

GSNA PROGRAMS

The third annual Southern California regional meeting of the GSNA took place on October 24, 1998 at the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library. Some 35 people gathered to discuss Dichtung und Wahrheit. Papers were read by Gabrielle Bersier, Indiana University, Indianapolis: "A Naive Political Enlightenment: Gretchen and the Old Reich in Dichtung und Wahrheit"; Robert Bledsoe, Rice University: "Educating the Reader: Dichtung und Wahrheit and the History of Reading"; Karin Pagel-Meiners, University of Kansas: "Friendship and Goethe's Portrayal of F. H. Jacobi in Dichtung und Wahrheit"; Victor Terras, Emeritus, Brown University: "Dichtung und Wahrheit on Radio Voornezh, 1935." The program concluded with a reception hosted by the Clark Library. A 1999 meeting is planned, with the West-östlicher Divan selected as the core text. It will be co-chaired by Todd Kontje, University of California, San Diego and Ehrhard Bahr, University of California, Los Angeles.

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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND EDITOR

With this issue of Goethe News and Notes editorship passes to the new Executive Secretary, Clark Muenzer, University of Pittsburgh. He has asked me to alert you to his deadline for the spring edition: April 15. He would like to continue the practice of listing any significant publications on Goethe by GSNA members, as well as completed dissertations, and would be grateful to receive such information regularly from you.

I have enjoyed the past twenty years of service to the Goethe Society and am delighted by its good health and intellectual vitality. Thank you for your support! The work continues and you have found wonderful people to carry it on!

Meredith Lee
Executive Secretary
WEB SITE

For GSNA:
http://www.hnet.uci.edu/tpsaine/gsna.html

For the Goethe Yearbook:
http://www.hnet.uci.edu/tpsaine/gyb.html

DUES SCHEDULE

The dues for membership in the Goethe Society of North America are as follows:

active members $20
senior members $30
members paying in DM DM 50
patrons $100
emeriti $10
students $10
institutions $30

Dues are payable in each calendar year. For further information, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer.

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