

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**THE SPACE BETWEEN**  
**Saturday, June 10, 2006**  
**Bucknell University**  
**Lewisburg, PA**

**In Attendance:**

Just about everyone attending the conference. Kristin Bluemel and Phyllis Lassner opened and moderated the meeting.

**Announcements**

**I. Conference 2007**

David Boxwell announced that he will host of the Space Between 2007 conference in Annapolis, MD, at the US Naval Academy on June 8-9. The conference topic is "The Experience of War in the Space Between."

**II. Journal: The Space Between: Literature and Culture, 1914-1945**

Kristin Bluemel announced that Monmouth University will assume responsibility for publishing the Society journal, effective immediately. She said the 2006 issue was scheduled for fall 2006 publication. The delayed 2005 issue, published by Fort Hays State University, was distributed at the Bucknell conference. Kristin urged all attending to consider revising their papers for possible publication or recommending themselves as reviewers for books to the book review editor, Debra Rae Cohen. Scholars in fields other than literature are especially needed as authors and book reviewers.

**Old and New Business**

**I: By-Laws**

Phyllis Lassner had drafted sample by-laws for the Society based on those of other similarly-sized literary societies. The major business of the meeting was to revise this draft document for vote by the membership. First, we proposed and then voted on and approved a new name for the Society: "The Space Between Society: Literature and Culture, 1914-1945" (SBS for short). The number, name, and responsibilities of officers, terms of office, and election process were all debated. Then all gathered voted on the by-laws, which passed unanimously.

**II: Elections of Officers**

Nominations for nine officers for the Board of the Society were accepted. Kristin Bluemel resigned from the co-presidency. All positions were uncontested and all those nominated were elected. The slate of nominees and newly elected Board members follows. Terms are for three years.

July 1, 2006-July 1, 2009

Co-Presidents: Phyllis Lassner, Northwestern Univ. and Roger Rothman, Bucknell University  
Vice President: Geneviève Brassard, University of Portland

Secretary: Debra Rae Cohen, University of Arkansas (in fall 2007, University of South Carolina)  
Treasurer: Robin Rissler, Ohio State University  
Bibliographer-Web Master: Anahit Ter Stepanian, Sacred Heart University

Advisory Board Members:  
Clair Buck, Wheaton College  
J.J. Butts, Syracuse University  
Andy Vogel, Ohio State University

### **III: Conference 2008**

We took an informal poll of those gathered to discover who might be willing to host the 2008 annual conference. Rebecca Cameron of DePaul University, Rohanna Green of the University of Toronto and Angela Runciman of University of Binghamton all expressed interest. Society Co-Presidents will follow up.

### **IV: Treasurer's Report**

Robin Rissler reported that the society has \$3,936.32 in the treasury, which does not include any monies taken from this year's membership fees or conference registration fees. Given the generous \$2,300 donation from Bucknell University (Provost, Academic Affairs, and Art and Art History Department supporting), there are no outstanding expenses. Speaker's honorarium, room and board, and travel had already been paid out of Bucknell's account and the Conference account funded with registration fees. Anticipated forthcoming Society expenses in 2006 include \$500 to Monmouth University to help fund the 2006 (volume 2.1) issue of the journal.

### **V: Tax Exempt Status**

J. J. Butts volunteered to do some initial research into the process of applying for tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) status. He'll get back to the Co-Presidents with whatever information he gathers for further action by the Board. This is a priority business for the Board.

### **VI: Discussion**

Conference 2007: Discussion continued regarding next year's conference in Annapolis. David Boxwell invited all Society members interested in planning the conference to contact him. He sought a minimum of three members for the conference committee. The 2007 conference cfp will be drafted by the conference organizer and submitted to the Board for review and possible revision before posting. Keynote speaker selection will be coordinated by the conference organizer. Anahit Ter Stepanian reported that she had posted this year's conference cfp to approximately 30 list serves and web sites. An informal poll suggests that the cfp list serve is the most effective way of attracting new members to the conference and Society. Website postings seem to generate few paper proposals.

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