

Minutes of 2012 Board Meeting and 2012 Business Luncheon of the Space Between Society,
Saturday 16 June 2012 at Brown University, Providence, RI

Breakfast Board Meeting (8-8:45 am)

In attendance:

Officers: Genevieve Brassard & Ann Rea (Co-Presidents), Rebecca Cameron (Vice-President/Web-master), Claire Buck (Membership Secretary), and Kristin Bluemel (Journal Editor)

Board Members: JJ Butts, Debra Rae Cohen, Patrick Deer, Paula Derdiger, Robin Feenstra, Christina Hauck, Phyllis Lassner, Alexis Pogorelskin, Roger Rothman, Ian Whittington, Mike Williamson.

Nominated Board Members: Mia Spiro, Tamar Katz

Absent: Robin Rissler (Treasurer), Erika Doss (Board Member), Sandford Schwartz (Board Member)

Agenda Items:

Elections (to be held at Business Luncheon):

Lively discussion on procedures to elect and rotate advisory board members. Buck, Cohen, and Rothman stepped down as board members after many years of service, and Claire suggested the nomination of Mia Spiro and Tamar Katz as new board members. Claire also completed her 3-year term as secretary and proposed to nominate Mia as secretary at the business luncheon. Roger proposed the nomination of Jim McManus as 3rd replacement. Ann Rea agreed to run for a second 3-year term as Co-President.

Next year's conference:

Rebecca Cameron (DePaul) will host next year's conference, with local assistance by Mia Spiro (Northwestern); possible themes were to be discussed at the business luncheon and open to the floor. Patrick Deer offered NYU as a possible future location for the conference, and Claire mentioned that Robert Hemmings (Nippissing U, Ontario) had expressed interest.

Conference Program Committee:

After some discussion, the following board members volunteered to serve on the planning committee:

Patrick Deer, Christina Hauck, Phyllis Lassner

Essay Prize Judges:

The following board members will serve as judges for this year's essay prize: Alexis Pogorelskin, Andrea Pappas, Robin Feenstra

Other Items:

Kristin reminded us of the need to follow the Society's by-laws (no one had a copy on hand at the meeting).

Many members agreed that a better time to meet was needed (and more time for the meeting as well). Possibilities include the Thursday of the conference at dinner time, or during lunchtime on the Friday of the conference.

The importance of putting updated information about the Society on the website was mentioned, and we were reminded that most relevant information is available on the website. [GB: could the by-laws be uploaded to the website and available for consultation at any time this way?]

Business Luncheon (Noon-1pm)

Elections were held; nominations were as follows: Ann Rea (Co-President, 2nd term), Mia Spiro (Membership Secretary), and Tamar Katz, James McManus, and Mia Spiro as Board Members.

Location of next year's conference was announced, and a discussion of possible themes follows, around the concepts of 'play' and 'transgression.' Rebecca invited participants to discuss ideas with her at the next coffee break.

Robin Rissler gave the Treasurer's report: the Society has over \$16,000. in the bank.

The conference organizers, Claire Buck and Tamar Katz, were warmly thanked for hosting the conference.

NB: The Co-Presidents regret that the three Board Members stepping down this year, Claire Buck, Debra Rae Cohen, and Roger Rothman, were not thanked for their years of service and great commitment to the Society at the luncheon. We will remedy this oversight at next year's luncheon.