

Space Between Society – Minutes from Annual Conference 2014

General Membership Meeting/Business Lunch

Saturday, July 17th, 2014, 12:40-1:50 PM

Presiding: Robin Feenstra and Ann Rea (Co-Presidents)

Conference thanks: The 2014 conference organizing committee--Eric Brown, Phyllis Lassner, Michael McCluskey, Ann Rea, and especially Richard Hornsey and Nick Hubble—was thanked for their great work in organizing the conference. Thanks were also extended to Senate House, Brunel University, Institute of English Studies, and the School of Advanced Study (University of London) for hosting and sponsoring the conference. Jon Millington was also thanked.

Announcements: Phyllis Lassner, honorary Board member, has been awarded the prestigious International Diamond Jubilee Fellowship at Southampton University. Mia Spiro, our Membership Secretary, just gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Amalia.

Journal: Kristin Bluemel was thanked for her many years of service as the editor of the *Space Between Journal*. Janine Utell was introduced as the new editor beginning with the 2015 issue.

Elections: Nominations were sought for open Executive Officer positions. Christina Hauck was elected to the position of Treasurer and Kate Macdonald was elected to replace Rebecca Cameron as Bibliographer-Webmaster. Nominations were then sought for two open positions on the Advisory Board. Elizabeth Evans and Nick Hubble were nominated and elected.

By-laws: Kristin Bluemel presented the revised by-laws to the general membership, highlighting the main changes to the document. The revised by-laws were approved unanimously by society members. Some members raised points for future consideration:

- Should our by-laws reinforce the interdisciplinary nature of the society in the composition of the Advisory Board?
- Given that some board members may have difficulties securing conference funding, we might want to reconsider the number of meetings that Executive Officers or Advisory Board members are required to attend.

2015 Conference: Barbara Green has agreed to host the 2015 conference at Notre Dame University. The tentative dates are June 19-21, 2015. Due to space constraints at Notre Dame, the conference will probably have to take place on from Friday to Sunday instead of our usual Thursday to Saturday.

Essay Prize: Volunteers were solicited for the Essay Prize Committee. Phyllis Lassner, Alexis Pogorelskin, and Janine Utell agreed to serve on the committee. Presenters were encouraged to submit copies of their papers for consideration.