

Minutes (Summary)
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Society for Classical Studies

January 7, 2024, 2:00-5:00 pm CST
Hilton Chicago

Board members in attendance: Suzanne Lye, Alison Keith, John Vitali, Matthew Roller, Rosa Andújar, Catherine Connors, Clara Bosak-Schroeder, Young Richard Kim, Kirk Ormand, Zoé Thomas, Nandini Pandey, Carlos Noreña, Celia Schulz, Ruth Scodel, Joe Farrell, Katherine Gutzwiller, Catherine Conybeare. Board members Teresa Ramsby, Elizabeth Mercier, and Laura McClure were present by remote link. Directors Schulz, Conybeare, Scodel and Pandey had to leave before the end of the meeting to catch flights.

1. Incoming President's Remarks: Prof. Keith (2:00-2:20)

President Keith called the meeting to order at 2:05. The minutes of the board meeting of Dec. 29, 2023, were unanimously approved. President Keith delivered her remarks as incoming president, noting some of the complex processes the Society is in the midst of, above all the process of planning for the future of the meeting, and the search for the Society's next Executive Director.

2. 2024 schedule of Board meetings (2:20-2:30)

President Keith proposed to schedule a regular monthly board meeting.

3. Motion to circulate Report of the Annual Meeting Task Force to the SCS Membership. Passed unanimously.

Action: A motion to release a presidential letter followed by the release of the task force report was approved unanimously.

4. Motion to deliver Report of the Annual Meeting Task Force to the AIA Executive Committee at the same time as it is released to SCS membership.

Action: The motion to release the report to AIA passed unanimously.

5. Financial and Annual Meeting Update

Interim ED John Vitali gave a brief report on the finances of the Annual Meeting.

Financial Trustee Laura McClure gave an overview/summary of the Finance Committee meeting the previous day.

6. Proposed dues rate change

Action: a motion was unanimously approved to implement the proposed rate changes with a friendly amendment from Joe Farrell to add another category, namely salary range of \$160K-180K, at \$355 and then \$180K and up with a rate of \$395, all to go into effect Jan. 31, 2024, with notice to be given in the presidential letter.

7. Vice Presidential reports:

Professional Matters committee, VP Ruth Scodel. COGSIP is collaborating with other committees and affiliated groups working in the DEI space to reduce duplication of effort, misunderstandings, etc. Ethics Committee had relatively quiet year. Data Committee coming online with plans to administer regular surveys to the membership.

Communications and Outreach, VP Carlos Noreña: the VP reports that the Outreach Committee, in its meeting in Chicago, decided to rethink its strategies from top to bottom, and to rethink the blog in particular to understand whether it speaks in the voice of the SCS institutionally or for individuals.

Education division: VP Teresa Ramsby summarized grants issued and prizes awarded in this division, and discussed the administration of the Masciantonio grants. Zoé Thomas reported on the meeting of the graduate student committee, which she attended in this division, and its organization of a panel for Philadelphia 2025.

Program division: VP Andújar reported on the activities of the Program Committee in the past year.

Research and Publications: VP Kathryn Gutzwiller reported that TAPA doing fine; and that Information Architect Sam Huskey raised the issue of rebuilding/recreating the entire website very soon. The Committee on Translation has assembled a kind of showcase for next year. Regarding the American Office of *L'année philologique*, the reception studies pilot is up and running, and VP Gutzwiller has been working on the pedagogy and history of classical scholarship angles.

8. Matter of VP for Program

President Keith reported that Rosa Andújar has agreed to continue to serve as interim VP for Program through the Philadelphia meeting.

President adjourned the meeting at c. 5:00.