

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

February 16, 2024, 12:00-1:30 PM EST  
Zoom

Board members in attendance: Rosa Andújar, Clara Bosak-Schroeder, Catherine Connors, Joe Farrell, Alison Keith, Young Richard Kim, Suzanne Lye, Laura McClure, Elizabeth Mercier, Carlos Noreña, Kirk Ormand, Nandini Pandey, Teresa Ramsby, Matthew Roller, Celia Schultz, Ruth Scodel, Zoé Thomas, Craig Williams, and Interim Executive Director John Vitali ex officio. Director Catherine Conybeare was not present.

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Minutes

President Keith called the meeting to order about 12:02, with a round of introductions for the sake of the new board member coming on (Craig Williams, as Interim Vice President for Publications and Research). Minutes of the Full Board Meeting on Jan 7 were approved, as were the minutes of the Executive Committee from Jan. 23.

2. President's Report, including motion to approve ED job ad

President Keith summarized key results from the Annual Meeting survey following the Chicago 2024 meeting and signaled that the Board would have to make a decision at the March board meeting regarding modality/location for 2027.

A draft Executive Director search ad was brought forward for discussion.

Action: an amended draft of the ED position description was moved, seconded, and approved by majority vote (17-1).

3. Past President's Report

Past President Roller gave a brief update about his activities in working to renew the Society's registration as a federal "entity" and as a nonprofit organization in the state of Delaware.

4. Interim Executive Director's Report

Interim ED John Vitali offered brief comments summarizing and expanding on items in his written report, noting his activities sorting out financial controls, record keeping, and payment processes.

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Motion to approve the description of the Data Committee for inclusion in the SCS Regulations proposed and seconded:

The Data Committee collects, analyses, and disseminates data useful to the Society, often in co-operation with other committees. The committee consists of between seven and ten members, appointed by the president for staggered three-year terms; they may be reappointed for two further years. The Vice President for Professional Matters will serve as an *ex officio* member of the committee, and members of other committees may be appointed as *ex officio* members for one-year terms to assist with relevant projects. There shall be two co-chairs serving staggered one-year terms; the co-chairs may be re-appointed.

Action: passed unanimously.

- b) Motion to amend the last two sentences of Regulation 20, arising from the BoD 7 Jan 2024 motion to propose that the Director with Special Responsibility for Graduate matters be added *ex officio* to the Graduate Student Committee

Current version: The Vice President for Education serves as an *ex officio* member on the committee. The Graduate Student Director also serves as an member on the committee.

Amended version: The Vice President for Education and the Graduate Student Director both serve as *ex officio* members on the committee.

Action: passed unanimously.

## 6. Program Committee Questions for Discussion

The next item on the agenda was discussion of the questions posed to the Board by the Program Committee, which concerned principally what the Board wants the Committee to do, and how to manage the new “hybridity expected” norm, for the Philadelphia 2025 meeting. Directors came to consensus that language should be included with session organization information about the expectation of hybridity for most normal types of sessions and to the extent possible, in alignment with the recommendation of the Task Force, which was also endorsed by the Board. However, in recognition that some kinds of sessions may not allow for meaningful hybridity, at least not as currently configured or with available technology, exceptions will surely have to be considered.

President Keith adjourned the meeting at 1:33 EST.