

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

Friday 8 March 2024, 12:00-1:30 PM EST
Zoom

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, Matthew Roller, Zoé Thomas, Craig Williams, and Interim Executive Director John Vitali *ex officio*.

Regrets: Catherine Conybeare, Nandini Pandey, Teresa Ramsby, Celia Schultz, Ruth Scodel

1. The meeting was called to order at about 9:07 am PST (12:07 pm EST). Minutes of the Full Board Meeting on 16 Feb 2024 were approved, as were the minutes of the Executive Committee from 4 Mar 2024.

2. Business Arising

President Keith reported that the ED job ad has been finalized and there was discussion of how it will be disseminated, beginning with posting to SCS website on Mon 11 Mar 2024. There are plans to disseminate it on lists maintained by WCC, LCC, ACLS, Ford Foundation and elsewhere.

Senior Financial Trustee McClure spoke regarding financial matters discussed at the 4 Mar 2024 Executive Committee Meeting, highlighting various challenging financial issues and the Committee's decision to approve the appointment of a fractional bookkeeper and controller for clarity around budget planning for the organization and the annual meeting. Interim ED Vitali offered additional perspective. Some further information about finances is expected to be discussed at the April meeting of the Board.

President Keith reported on the Executive Committee's decision, in response to a request from a member, to endorse the American Historical Association Statement on Indiana SB 20.

3. Past President's Report

Past President Roller reported that the SCS has re-registered for another year as a federal entity, so can draw down NEH grant that funds the SCS TLL Fellow, and that the SCS's status as a tax-exempt organization has been renewed in Delaware.

4. Consent Agenda

President Keith announced the approval of corrections of typos and renumbering of SCS regulations.

5. Discussion of Annual Meeting 2027

President Keith shared three responses to the Annual Meeting Task Force Report and introduced several issues regarding the selection of a site for the 2027 Annual Meeting. Though it has previously been the practice to negotiate with hotel chains for a three-year sequence of meetings (multi-year negotiations having the potential to be more advantageous for us), it may be preferable to make a one-year plan for meeting in 2027 at the Marriott in Atlanta, and (based on previous SCS discussions with that hotel) a proposal is in the process of being solicited from them. Advantages of a one-year plan include that such a plan allows the SCS to take time to plan responses to the Annual Meeting Task Force Report with a fuller understanding of the financial issues involved. Also, it allows the VP for Program to be elected in the 2024 election to be involved in planning and decision-making about the 2028 and 2029 meetings.

President Keith requested a straw poll to confirm that the sense of the meeting was to move forward with a 1-year plan to meet in Atlanta in 2027, and this was confirmed by majority vote (with one abstention).

6. The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm EST