

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

Sunday January 7, 2018
Marriott Copley Place, Boston
Massachusetts Room

Present at the meeting were President Joseph Farrell, Executive Director Helen Cullyer, and board members Profs. S. Georgia Nugent, Mary T. Boatwright, Ariana Traill, Donald Mastronarde, Michele Salzman, Barbara Gold, Ralph Hexter, David Tandy, Matthew McGowan, Matthew Roller, Anne Groton, Mary Jaeger, Jeffrey Rusten, and Krik Ormand. Profs. Alison Keith and Christina Kraus participated remotely, due to the weather. Prof. Farrell called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

II. SESQUICENTENNIAL PLANNING DISCUSSION (12:00)

Action: The director's moved to designate the \$25,000 gift from a SCS member for public Sesquicentennial Events and to offer and official vote of thanks to the donor.

Action: The directors moved that Stephen Hinds should remain on the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee even though he had rotated off the board.

III. RESOURCES DIVISION

Prof. Hexter brought one financial issue to the board's attention, namely, how to handle annual meeting travel stipends awarded to students and contingent faculty who could not get to Boston. Dr. Cullyer recommended that if awardees had used the money to travel or attempt to travel to Boston, no action was necessary on the part of the awardees; but that awardees who did not use their stipends could hold awards over until 2019 or refund the funds.

Action: The directors approved Dr. Cullyer's suggestion regarding travel stipends.

IV. PROGRAMMATIC DIVISIONS

Prof. McGowan presented on the Communications and Outreach Division. He explained that new Communications Committee Chair, Sarah Bond, had an ambition agenda that would involve committee members contributing regularly to the blog and that, for that reason, two new committee member positions were needed on the committee, one of whom should be a K-12 teacher.

Action: The directors approved the creation of two new committee positions on the Communications Committee, with one position designated for a K-12 teacher.

Action: The directors moved that the Committee on Public Information and Media Relations will award “The Society for Classical Studies Forum Prize” annually in one of the following categories:

- Nonfiction (including podcasts);
- Fiction (including podcasts);
- Visual art (film, TV, plastic arts, etc).

The Forum Prize recognizes outstanding contributions to public engagement made by non-academic works about the ancient Greek and Roman world. It empowers the SCS to build bridges with a broader public by rewarding the best public-facing essays, books, poems, articles, podcasts, films, and art produced each year, either by a classicist or non-classicist. The Forum Prize will consist of (1) a cash award of \$500, (2) a five-year membership in the Friends of the Classics, and (3) an inscribed gift from the Society. The PIMR Committee will invite the Forum Prize winner to the SCS annual meeting to be part of a public awards ceremony.