

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

Saturday, June 18, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Institute for the Study of the Ancient World
15 E. 84th Street, New York, NY 10028

The board of directors met at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World in New York. Present at the meeting were Profs. Roger Bagnall (President), Christopher Brunelle, Laura McClure, Mary English, Michael Gagarin, Ralph Hexter, Stephen Hinds, Alison Keith, John Marincola, Matthew McGowan, John Miller, S. Georgia Nugent, Ellen Oliensis, Jeffrey Rusten, Michele Salzman, outgoing executive director Dr. Adam Blistein and incoming executive director Dr. Helen Cullyer. Professors Joy Connolly and David Tandy were absent. Professor Bagnall called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: The directors approved the agenda for the meeting.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Action: The directors approved the minutes of previous meetings held on December 28, 2015, January 6, 2016, and January 9, 2016.

III. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

IV. REVIEW OF BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Dr. Blistein introduced the final draft of the new By-Laws and Regulations, which the directors discussed and made changes to.

Action: The directors approved the adoption of the new By-Laws, as revised during the meeting, effective January 1, 2017.

Dr. Cullyer explained that in order to register as a corporation in New York State, the Society needed to amend its certificate of incorporation in Delaware so that the purpose of the organization matches the purpose of the organization as described in the By-Laws.

Action: The directors approved an application for amendment of the certificate of incorporation.

Action: The directors approved a motion to drop joint membership a membership category.

Action: The directors approved adoption of the new Regulations, as revised during the meeting, effective January 1, 2017.

V. DEVELOPMENT

Professor Christopher Brunelle reported on the activities of the development committee and on annual giving in fiscal year 2016.

Action: The directors approved allocation of: (a) \$12,500 to contingent faculty in accordance with the Bagnalls' instructions; (b) \$6,000 to graduate students; and (c) \$1,500 as a fungible pool.

The board discussed planned giving policies and documents and the establishment of funds by legacy donors.

Action: The directors approved a threshold of \$50,000 for the creation of new named, unrestricted funds and a threshold of \$100,000 for the creation of new named, restricted funds.

VI. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Action: The board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings on January 8, 2016 and May 26, 2016.

Action: The board members approved the FY17 budget, including maximum salary levels for SCS staff and annual meeting revenue projections based on a new registration rate for contingent faculty.

VII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEES

VIII. REVISIONS TO PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

Dr. Blistein presented the revised placement guidelines drawn up by the Placement Committee during the spring.

Action: The board members approved the new Placement Guidelines, effective immediately.

IX. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

X. OTHER BUSINESS

The directors discussed appropriate access policies for the archives at Columbia University. Currently the archives are only accessible to the Executive Director and the President.

Action: The directors recommended that all archival materials dated prior to 1985 should be made accessible to scholars and members of the public who wish to consult them.

The board discussed the petition of Fondation Hardt to become a departmental member at the PhD-granting level.

Action: The directors approved the petition of Fondation Hardt to become a departmental member at the PhD-granting level.