

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

Thursday June 7, 2018
Conference Call

Professors Farrell, Boatwright, Nugent, McGowan, Traill, Hexter, Salzman, Mastronarde, Gold, Roller, Tandy, Keith, Rusten, Ormand, Groton, Jaeger, and Kraus, and Dr. Cullyer participated by phone. Professor Farrell called the meeting to order at 11.05am. Professor Hexter had to leave the meeting early at 12pm, after the board had conducted its financial business.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Action: The board approved the consent agenda consisting of the following amendments to the Regulations:

#37: Changes to complaints procedures to reflect current practice regarding harassment and other complaints and to be consistent with the new placement guidelines.

#39 and #41: Addition of junior co-chairs to Career Planning and Development Committee and Committee on Diversity in the Profession

#54: Addition of a member to the American Office Advisory board, who is a librarian, plus additional changes to reflect SIBC's current publication arrangements and the nature of the organization's longstanding agreement with Duke.

#59: Institutional (I.e. library) memberships increased by \$5 annually. This is a standard annual increase at SCS.

#63 and #64: Revised to reflect current practice regarding investments.

II. MINUTES

Action: The board approved the minutes of the board meeting held in Boston on January 4, 2018, contingent on one minor change. Professor Traill requested that it should be clarified in the minutes that her comment about oral communication skills in ancient languages being needed for accreditation of some universities and colleges applied specifically to teacher training programs.

Action: The board approved the minutes of the board meeting held in Boston on January 7.

III. FISCAL YEAR 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

IV. FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET

Action: The board approved the budget, as recommended by the financial committee, including an appropriation of 4.1% of the total endowment calculated on the basis of the three-year trailing average.

V. PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

Professor Gold introduced the revised Placement Guidelines, noting the major revisions: (a) guidance on remote interviews; (b) a requirement that religious institutions link to any campus codes of conduct in job advertisements; (c) a request that institutions look into campus policies and practices on visas for foreign job candidates and make explicit whether an institution can sponsor an individual for a visa; and (d) restructuring of the guidelines for clarity.

Action: The board approved the revised placement guidelines.

VI. PROFESSIONAL ETHICS STATEMENT

Professor Gold introduced the revised Professional Ethics statement. She explained that the section on cultural property would appear on the ballot for member vote in the summer. The board agreed to remove the sentence stating that the statement applied to all institutions and organizations, including regional organizations. Dr. Cullyer noted that she would approach regional organizations and ask them whether they would like to adopt or endorse the statement, while making clear that this was entirely optional.

Action: The board approved the revised statement for release to the membership for comment, contingent on removal of the sentence referenced above.

VII. STRATEGIC PLANNING OVERVIEW

VIII. PREVIEW OF TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING