

CANE Executive Board Meeting

27 September 2008

Rivers School, Weston , MA

9:30 AM

(Directions are available at: www.rivers.org)

Attendance: Roger Travis, John McVey, Liz Tylawsky, Jere Meade, Lydia Haile Fassett, Ruth Breindel, Paul Langford, Ed DeHoratius, Mike Gerard, Margaret Graver, Jacqueline Carlon, John Higgins, Kat Braden, Rosemary A. Zurawel

Agenda:

- 1. Announcements by the President:** Roger Travis called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM. Introductions of old and new members were made, and new members were welcomed. Concerning the Annual Meeting, accelerated plans are in place with Jacqui Carlon as our local arrangements coordinator. UMass/Boston is a stunning site for our annual meeting. We have a wonderful locked-in rate for the Doubletree Hotel (\$129.00). Two large rooms are available for the paper sessions and workshops. Food is fairly reasonably priced with a variety to satisfy a number of appetites. Roger announced that the Saturday afternoon options would include one workshop at the MFA via public transportation and one at the conference site. The call for papers will go out in NECJ with the 1 December 2008 deadline. There will be options for 30 minute paper presentations (an experiment this year). We have had previous discussions regarding the need for gradual raising of the prices for attendance at the Annual Meeting. Roger suggested that we would raise this year's prices to \$65.00 for the Friday and Saturday attendance and to \$25.00 for the banquet. Ruth suggested that in light of our economic situation, perhaps a \$60.00 basic fee, and \$25.00 for the banquet. Jacqui said that the costs, at bare bones, are still above that recommendation from Ruth. Rosemary suggested that we aim for transparency with respect to costs on the registration flyer. Roger requested that we set the pricing between \$60 and \$65.00 for the meeting, and the banquet at \$30.00.
- 2. Announcements by the Executive Secretary:** Good news re: Annual Bulletin; costs were lower thanks to a reduced size of the mailing and it was expedited by a printer who completed the work for less.
- 3. Minutes of 3 May 2008 Meeting:** We struck the first line on the original copy. MOV/SEC/UNAN to accept the Minutes, as amended.
- 4. Reports: State Reps, Committee Reports:**

Maine: Robin Colby submitted the news that the fall meeting of the Maine Classical Association would take place on Saturday, 18 October at Bates College with the theme: Inter Genetes: Classical Connections.” Speakers will be Laurie O’Higgins on “Useless and Injurious Learning: Peasants and the Classics in 18th Century Ireland,” and Paul Properzio, “Bring in the Wine...Fill up the Cups: Echoes off Alcaeus, Anacreon, and Horace in Ancient Chinese Lyrics.” This year, MCA will present its SPQR Award to honor Francis Bliss.

Vermont: No Report

New Hampshire: State Classics Day report. Yesterday was the State Classics Day for Teachers in Manchester. State Board of Education is calling for job imbedded professional performance. There will be heavy pressure to disallow teachers to take time away from jobs for pro. Dev. Chinese and American Sign are likely to be introduced to schools widely. There will be an initiative to try to start up more JCL chapters.

Massachusetts: Current president has moved to CT, but is trying to run the organization from a distance. Both a presidency and vice president are open.

Connecticut: Website for ClassConn had been hi-jacked. It has been wrestled back by two board members, and is very good now. Fall meeting is 25 October at the Hartford Classical Magnet School. Greek Day is in its 7th year at UConn.

Rhode Island: Meeting is set for late October.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Ed DeHoratius announced that the second season of the Means Fund is upon us, and the first year of the Barker Award. Please talk about these two awards to help academically enriching travel abroad for undergraduates and high school students.

American Academy has increased fees, so the cost for a Coulter is now \$5300.00. Ed moved that we raise the Coulter Scholarship to \$6k. SEC. Donna Lyons reported that the income from that fund is that we earned a little over \$8k this year. There was much discussion of the out-of-pocket cost to participants. MOV/UNAN to raise the amount to \$6000.00. Kat Braden reminded the membership that the Fulbright deadline is early, so informing the membership of that deadline would help an applicant who wished to apply for additional funding (around \$2000.00).

We will talk about this in **February 2009. We will need to appoint a new head of the Scholarship Committee.**

Curator’s Report: A few changes, due to the market right at this time, all put the totals lower than before. The Phinney Fund is up by about a \$1,000.00, and a check has gone out for the first semester to the school where Peter O’Sullivan teaches (Avon, CT). The Endowment is down by \$6k, Coulter is down \$4k. Donna Lyons called our attention to the special accounts where the Barker Fund is in good standing for the first award of \$500.00, and the Means Fund will still allow presentation of \$300.00. John McVey suggested that we might consider moving money into the Means Fund. Ruth said that we do not advertise to the membership to donate to the Means Fund, but that we might move funds into that. To be discussed **in February.**

Treasurer’s Report: Ruth distributed the report. She has sent the accountant’s report to the IRS. Ruth would like to see us raise our dues to \$30.00 starting next fiscal year, and raise the foreign dues to \$35.00. MOV/SEC. Discussion ensued to keep the student rate at the current rate. We will need to advertise this in NECJ and to present this at the Annual Meeting for a vote. Under the expenses, it is necessary to note that CANE now has its own indicia for non-profit mailings. The auditors have received the account summaries.

CEU Report: Donna Lyons reported that all Executive Committee members must be informed of rules, regulations, and awarded units. Each year our awarding of CEUs has continued to grow annually. The CSI 2008 saw 13 people receiving CEUs; all all-time high for teachers. Many thanks to Kat Braden for taking on the CEU work.

Instructional Materials: There was considerable discussion about the need for an honorarium for the Editor. Ruth will craft a motion for February's meeting regarding an honorarium.

5. **CANE Emporium and Café Presse:** Ruth demonstrated an example of editing the materials (see above) with added photographs, line numbers, and vocabulary of the *Aulularia*. Ruth has completed two plays that she and her colleague will use this year. There is need this year for a basic Greek reader, as well. Ed DeHoratius mentioned that he has quite a lot of materials that are public domain. The website for the Emporium (Lydia Haile Fassett is working on this project) is up, and the full-color items and products were distributed. Café Presse delivers a check each time there are profits of \$25.00. The richness of offerings was presented as well as the many image options. No inventory needs to be undertaken by any Executive Committee members any longer.
6. **CANE website-** Al Wooley and Roger Travis have been corresponding all summer about the website and just what the capabilities are for managing a website. WordPress is now in experimentation, thanks to Roger's efforts. The two men have a rapport and over the next two months, Roger will develop a sample for us to look at in February. The goal is to relieve Al of the heavy responsibility of being the webmaster. Roger will be able to undertake this eventually. This would ultimately allow the 2010 Annual Meeting to be paid for via PayPal, and would assist our JStor access. JStor has had some problems recently, and has been down for most of the past week. We discussed the need for a professionally managed site in order to handle problems in a timely way. As soon as we notice a problem, Al should be alerted immediately.
7. **Plenary Session at the Annual Meeting, UMass/Boston.** Friday morning, will offer a continuation of Ken Kitchell's talk at UConn. This will offer us an opportunity to talk about advanced Latin, especially in the absence of AP Latin Literature. Richard Davis from Hotchkiss will also be involved in the session. CANE Press may provide extensive resources for those programs. Ruth thinks that involving younger teachers in this discussion could be fruitful. Jacqui offered that she would be glad to speak about this and the shape of AP in the future with the College Board, but also to present the membership at this time with some of the practical facts surrounding the intentions of the AP/College Board. She also mentioned that it would be prudent to consider the growing influence of IB.
8. **Manual Review (Note change in Classics in Curricula Coordinator's roles):** John McVey distributed the 2008 version of the Manual, and RAZ distributed changes that were an addendum

(Duties Classics in Curricula Coordinator). John suggested that the editing of the Manual be undertaken by the President –Elect as a reasonable duty. If done on a regular basis, Jacqui noted, it is not an onerous job. We agreed that the duties of the President-Elect shall include editing the Manual.

9. **Newsletter** - Ed DeHoratius has volunteered to undertake the position of CANEns editor with an aim for a December/January 2009 issue. The members of the Executive Committee applauded this generous offer.

10. **CSI**- John Higgins, the outgoing Director of CSI, presented a summary of the experience and the finances. CSI 2008 finished the year with a surplus of nearly \$12,000.00! The Delmas Foundation and other sources of incomes provided us with support that made this possible. The participants (68) this year provided a fewer number of evaluations, but those were positive. No big negatives, and few problems existed. John suggested that the air conditioned dorm might be the route to go in the future. Much of the course materials are still on line, including a lecture discussing the study of Classics and its relationship to altruism. There will be a workshop at the Annual Meeting as a follow-up to this past summer's CSI. CANE's institutional support for CSI historically once included some scholarship money. John urged us to consider offering funding to participants. The Committee soundly applauded John Higgins for his efforts. Margaret Graver expressed her admiration for John's excellent work that produced such a "classy program." CSI 2009 will take place in the second week of July (6-11). Dartmouth has now confirmed this date. The theme and title: "Expanding the Map: Cultural Exchange and the Peripheries of the Classical World." The program may bring in scholars who can speak about the broader world of Classics including orientalism, mystery cults, Alexander, the conquest of Britain, Atlantis, and others. She recommended Charlie Bradshaw as the Director-elect. MOV/SEC/UNAN

New Business:

1. **How long shall we keep members who have not renewed, given the costs of mailing and NECJ?** Ruth tracked the number of people who were delinquent in renewing their memberships. Roughly, there were some 200 members who received an August 2007 issue of NECJ, even after their memberships had expired. The cost to CANE is approximately \$5.00 per issue. Roger Travis said he is inclined to support continued receipt of one issue beyond expiration date. The group was interested to learn that indeed, we had been continuing the sending of a year's worth of issues. **This discussion will continue in February 2009 with Nina Coppolino's input.**
2. **Portico and archiving possibilities**- Donna Lyons mentioned that insuring the copper plates might be prudent or obtaining bank deposit boxes. She will investigate. **We agreed to take this up in February.** -CANE's own mailing permit
3. Volunteer, Benny Manunga- Roger Travis will email to find out more.
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Motion to Adjourn

Roger Travis adjourned our meeting at 1:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary A. Zurawel,
Executive Secretary