

Classical Association of New England
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, 5 May 2007
Rivers School

In attendance: Shirley Lowe, Nina Coppolino, Ruth Breindel, Lydia Haile, Rosemary A. Zurawel, Cythia Damon, Donna Lyons, Paul Langford

Agenda:

Shirley Lowe called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM

1. Announcements by president:

Mike Girard, an incoming committee member, set up the coffee this morning. Thanks to John McVey and John Higgins for helping with the nomination of Mark Pearsall to the ACTFL Board. September meeting: 15th, winter meeting 2 February (9 Snow date).

We are entitled to appoint a delegate and alternate to ACL Council. They want to have the delegates at the meeting prior to the opening of this year's ACL. Paul Properzio and Deb Davies continue to represent us. Paul will need to vote at this delegate meeting, and Shirley will let him know of his responsibility.

John Higgins suggested that CANE members be encouraged to visit the new galleries in NYC at the MET.

CSI announcements from Ellen Perry. A symposium will be held on the Dartmouth campus recognizing the anniversary of the death of Augustus St. Gaudens. CT has offered excellent scholarship money for first-time attendees.

2. Minutes from our Annual Meeting and the Executive Board meeting in March.

Please add: Our agreement to nominate Mark Pearsall to ACTFL board.

3. Latin Teacher Data Base and its benefits to CANE and the teachers.

Ruth reported that she will be cross referencing this data base and sending out membership information. We had agreed that State Reps will continue to be investigating Latin teachers in their own states. The list from Gil Lawall was up to date as of 2005. Our membership is now up to about 900, which is great. Kudos to Maine for their website and its contents.

State Representatives, in addition to their membership work, there are opportunities to place some efforts into bringing public attention to the teaching of Classics. Discussion followed on the benefits and frustrations of email communications. Lydia suggested setting up G-mail addresses for the State Representatives so that they may efficiently segregate messages to and from their state constituents.

4. Writing Contest- Our last discussion opened the issue of the use of a rubric for judging and/or setting up a system for judging that was free from the appearance of favoritism. The

State Representatives may receive scanned copies of the Writing Contest submissions via the new email addresses. Sometimes State Representatives have not allowed their students to enter in order to avoid the appearance of favoritism. One suggestion had been to farm out the essays to reps from other states. We did not endorse the creation of a scoring rubric. We seemed happy with the four criteria that are printed within the Writing Contest guidelines. Ruth Breindel suggested that the additional layer of bureaucracy might make the job of judging more difficult. She added that English teachers might help with judging. It was agreed that teachers would continue to send their entries to their State Representatives who would then send all the entries to the President-Elect. The President-Elect would make copies of all the entries and then send each state's entries to a different State Representative. State Representatives will choose the top three submissions from the state assigned by the President-Elect. S/He will then submit the names of the students who have been selected as the first, second, and third place winners to the President-Elect. The President-Elect will then select the regional winner from the six first place winners. Each This year, the Writing Contest and its rules are already on the website.

Nina Coppolino suggested we use both the News and Announcements section of NECJ as well as CANEns to make the announcement.

5. JStor discussion- continued from our last meeting. Ruth passed out to the Exec. Com. members the list of journals to which CANE members could have access if CANE decided to be a subscriber. We would incur a small annual cost (\$1500.00 plus \$500.00 for the first year, then \$500.00 each year thereafter with a \$30.00 computer address fee) to offer this as a benefit. We would offer this as a higher level of service to our constituents. Our Endowment can afford this without compromise to our funds (the IRS would like us to spend money to keep our tax status). Ruth moved that we try this for three years. It was seconded by Lydia Haile and passed unanimously.

6. 2008 Annual Meeting- An afternoon session set aside for high school teachers? Other suggestions? 14 and 15 March 2008

Ruth announced that we incurred no loss for the 2007 meeting, thanks to the \$3000.00 gift. If we increase the cost by \$10.00 per person this year, we would only be \$1000.00 behind. Financially, we have to take this step, and it will still be a bargain. We will discuss the charge again in September.

Steven Brunet suggested that CANE take over the registration. Rosemary suggested that the large problem of late registrants could be tempered by a penalty of \$20.00 or \$25.00 for late or onsite registration. Ruth remarked that we should use "News and Announcements" section of NECJ to alert members to an increase in cost and penalty.

John Oksanish (Yale) sent an email to Shirley Lowe, suggesting a panel at CANE on "Graduate student work in progress." Ruth offered that the students could have their panel on Saturday afternoon, and Rosemary suggested asking publishers to cover the luncheon costs for the graduate students. John Oksanish wanted to conduct a survey of graduate students, but this was an undertaking that we felt we could not attack, yet we supported his doing that. His final suggestion was to have a Graduate Student liaison to the CANE Executive Committee. We believed that this was an issue requiring more members and more information about his idea. We will take this issue up in September.

Opposite that on Saturday afternoon, we thought about high school teachers. Shirley suggested four sessions with the option to attend three out of four. Some of these could be

shortened versions of workshops that members can't take advantage of when attending paper sessions. Shirley recommended inviting presenters, as opposed to the soliciting of interest. We will continue to think about more options that will help attendees with their CEUs.

7. Hotel and Registration costs for Exec. Com. members who attend Annual Meeting and are not supported by their schools. (as proposed by John McVey) -Tabled until September

8. Requests for Educational Programs funding is now exceeding the amount budgeted. How to manage these requests? (Kat Braden) A request from Theatrum Ludicum for some funds was granted. The question arose if we want to do more of this kind of funding for outreach. We will return to this discussion in September when more members are available for discussion.

9. Donna Lyons met with Robert Wilhelm who was selling old Latin book prints. A set of over 200 of the original copper plates from a Latin book was purchased at a tag sale. They are lovely plates that would be useful for the Emporium. An appraisal yielded a value of \$25.00 per plate. He is willing to donate them to CANE for \$1,000.00 and a deduction for his IRS return. Donna moved that we accept the donation and return the \$1,000.00 to cover his costs involved. Seconded by Paul. Unanimously approved.

10 The Thomas and Eleanor Means Fund- management of the monies. Tabled for September.

11. CANE Instructional Materials- progress to date. John McVey will take over for the year. We will move to "print on demand." You pay a publisher \$500.00 per book, and there is no supply in anyone's basement. We will get royalties, and the product will look like a real book. There will be very little cost to CANE. John and Ruth will take possession of the materials on 5 June 2007, and there will be an opportunity to choose the best sellers. We could send single copies to conferences. A real quality product would improve our image. We agreed to try a few and see how it is received.

12. Four Exec. Com. Meetings every year: September, February, March, and early May. We decided to go with four meetings, adding the first Saturday in May or the final Saturday in April.

13. Manual and By-Laws update. New By-Laws to publish and vote on next year. Rosemary will send these on to Nina to be published twice prior to the Annual Meeting.

Cynthia moved to adjourn, Seconded by Lydia and by unanimous consent we adjourned at 11:50 AM.