

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Hampden-Sydney College

Hampden-Sydney, VA

President Laurie Covington called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM in Settle Hall's Chairman's Room. She thanked the Hampden-Sydney Classics Department for all their efforts on our behalf. She introduced Dr. Robert Herdegen, Dean of the Faculty, who welcomed us to the campus and related the importance of Classics at H-SC.

There was a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes of the fall meeting since they are posted on the website.

Max Meador gave the treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes. The total treasury contains \$17,408.38.

John Miller gave a report on our Centennial which will be celebrated in 2010-2011. The banquet will be held in connection with the CAMWS-SS on October 30, 2010. Earlier that day there will be a lecture by Hunter Rawlings who will lecture on the founding fathers and the Classics. The Spring 2011 CAV meeting will be held at UVA with a set of talks addressing the past, present, and future of classics in the Commonwealth. The Committee is soliciting \$100 honoraria to honor those who have served Classics in Virginia.

Announcements:

Jackie Fitzgerald, Director of the Governor's Latin Academy, announced that it will be held June 28-July 19 at VCU. This year's play will be the *Mostellaria*.

Linda Montross announced that Marty Abbot will be the recipient of one of the American Classical League's Merita Awards at this year's Institute at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles.

Amy Peterson announced that the VJCL deadline for NJCL is May 15.

Laurie announced that Linda Montross, Theresa Cavanaugh, Patty Lister and Donna Winstanley will present a six hour workshop entitled *Ars Docendi* for Latin teachers with less than four years of experience at ACL June 26-28.

FLAVA will be held October 9-10 in Richmond and is still in need of presenters in Latin.

Introductions included Classics students from Randolph College and Va Tech, five month old Whitney Smerke-Hochberg and Hartley Schearer.

Andy Becker, CAV Vice President, presided over the Award Section of the Agenda. There were no nominees for Todd Teacher of the Year award.

Andy, in absence of Kevin Gushman, awarded the Angela Lloyd Book Award to Patty Lister of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Kevin Perry announced Wayne Wray Student Award was Maya Wei from TJHSST. Eric Casey and Jackie Fitzgerald are the other members of his committee.

John Miller announced the Latin Essay Contest winners and that there was a 40% increase in participants this year. The winners were:

I Evan Draim St. Stephens Saint Agnes School

II Reem Brooks SSSAS

III-IV Kevin Zao TJHSST

The result sheet is attached to these minutes.

Patrick Bradley announced the winners of the Classical Essay Contest. There was a decrease in participation but excellent entries. The results are attached to these minutes.

I Evan Draim SSSAS

I Clarence Ren Simpson Flint Hill School

II Rachel Babb Midlothian HS

III Donald Rogers Highland School

Advanced Vergil Lauren MacGuidwin FHS

Ovid Erin Kennedy Highland School

Lyric Emily Strong Rockbridge County High

Ian Hochberg thanked all the people involved in the production of the exams, and he specifically thanked Susan Schearer for her counsel during the past year. The results are attached to these minutes. Starting next year there will be three divisions instead of two. The Gamma Division will be for Governor's Schools, Magnet Schools, and Charter Schools. Ian hopes that this change will encourage more public school participation throughout the state.

After a fifteen minute break we reconvened at 11:15 for a presentation by Dr. Jon Solomon of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Solomon's talk was "Ben Hur, Classical Reception, and American Consumerism".

At 12:30 we gathered in the Settle Hall Board Room for a prepaid luncheon buffet.

The afternoon sessions began at 1:33. Dr. Rick Phillips of Virginia Tech spoke on "Exploring the Margins: A Survey of Magic in the Roman World". The presentation of Dr. Daniella Widdows of Hampden-Sydney College was "From Deer's Skin to Deerskin: Creating Animal Skins in Ancient Greece."

Following the presentations there was a reception at Middlecourt, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bortz.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Sharrard Montross, Secretary