

**Executive Board Committee Meeting**  
**SECOL 79: Lexington, KY**  
**April 13, 2012**

Start: 12:20 PM, Hyatt Lexington-Patterson H

Conducted by: Clai Rice, President  
Notes recorded by: Sasha Johnson-Coleman, Secretary

Attendance: Sasha Johnson-Coleman, Benjamin Torbert, Felice Coles, Allison Burkette,  
Clai Rice, Jennifer Cramer (host), Corrine McCarthy, Nathalie Dajko,  
Mary Zeigler

Agenda

Item 1: Bank Account: Banker has not come through as of 9 am this morning.

- Treasury-trying to access the bank account
- Clai Rice, Felice Coles, and Benjamin Torbert received a call to go to one of the bank's branches while in Lexington, KY

Item 2: VP position

- Election was supposed to take place last year (will have it tomorrow during open business meeting?)
- Allison Burkette volunteered to be interim VP for 1 year, then Mary Zeigler will become VP for the next 2 years

Item 3: Executive Board Positions (??)

- What year did people rotate off?
- Each position is a 3 year job
- Need to elect a person each year
- There were no new members last year
- Committee Members:
  - Corinne McCarthy (2015)
  - Benjamin Torbert (2017)
  - Sasha Johnson-Coleman (2016)
  - Christine Mallinson (2013)
  - Nathalie Dajko (2014)
  - Jeff Reaser has rotated off

Item 4: Treasurer: Ben Torbert agreed to do fill out the 3 years left in term plus (see above)!  
Hooray!

Item 5: Journal financial report from Felice Coles

- In 35 libraries
- 2 issues per year: print and mail (press input = \$5000, most we've gotten before = \$8000)
- The most spent in last 5 years is \$3797

## Executive Board Committee Meeting (cont.)

- A) annual costs of journal?
  - Current balance as of April 4, 2012: \$3208 (this covers at least one issue)
- Find ways to get conference papers in journal—thematic volume
- Lobby colleagues to get more library subscriptions (need 30 library at \$40/piece)

Item 6: Assess overall financial picture. Do we need to raise dues?

- A) \$2000 subvention for AL press
- If we only have graduate student memberships, it doesn't keep us afloat
- How many members do we have?
  - 47 new memberships since January 2012
  - Need at least 200 members: \$2500 on the low end and \$6500 on the high end
- Yes, need to raise dues: \$20 graduate students, \$40 faculty (vote on April 14, 2012)

Item 7: Move website to public hosting?

- Right now it is on Auburn University's server; thus, if Robin Sabino leaves SECOL would be in trouble
- Wilbur Bennett and Clai Rice want to do public hosting (i.e. godaddy, etc.)
  - Website could be [www.secol.org](http://www.secol.org)
  - Members could pay dues online
  - Host a blog(s)

Extra:

- Newsletter
  - Presidential address
  - Report information from business meeting
- Thank you notes to Jennifer Cramer and all those who helped her with SECOL 79
- Like to increase the amount given for the Reza Ordoubadian Award
- Next year's venue: Michael Montgomery and David Marlow have expressed interest in hosting it in Spartanburg, SC
- SECOL co-occurring with LAVIS 4 in 2014?

**Open Business Meeting  
SECOL 79: Lexington, KY  
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Hyatt Lexington-Patterson B

Conducted by: Clai Rice, President  
Notes Recorded by: Felice Coles, Editor of the *Southern Journal on Linguistics* and  
Sasha Johnson-Coleman, Executive Secretary (~1:45 PM- 2:15 PM)

Agenda

Notes Recorded by Felice Coles:

Item 1: Officers

- Corinne McCarthy appointed to the Executive Committee
- Christine Mallinson may serve one more year
- Nathalie Dajko has agreed to serve two more years
- Allison Burkette was elected, and will become President in 2013
- Benjamin Torbert has agreed to serve three more years
- Nominating Committee: Members to serve will be found by communicating with the Executive Committee via email

Item 2: Bank Account

- \$13,800 in the general account
- \$3200 in the journal account
- SECOL has promised \$2000 to the University of Alabama Press for the publication of the anthology.
- In order to fund the journal fully, the members voted unanimously to increase dues to \$40 for individuals; \$20 for graduate students, retirees and unemployed members; the lifetime membership remains at 20x the regular dues
- In the future, combining conference registration and membership into one payment may simplify check writing and some universities will pay for it. The conference fees then could include \$40/\$30 extra for membership. However, membership may always be paid separately.

Item 3: Web Site

- The web site needs to move from Auburn to a public provider. Only one member at Auburn can communicate with the tech staff, which slows down the updating process. Hosting the site by a commercial enterprise is not too expensive (+/- \$120 per year) and allows more freedom to modify the site. Wilbur Bennett will check into hosts (godaddy, dotster) and the Executive Board will fund the site.
- Suggestions will be taken for improvements on the web site. Perhaps a listserv could be added? Updating members' specializations is a must. A list of books ready for review in the journal is a must. A table of contents of journal articles?

## **Open Business Meeting (cont.)**

### Item 4: Acknowledgements

- Sasha Johnson-Coleman can write thank-you notes with names from Jennifer Cramer of people who need to be thanked.

Notes recorded by Sasha Johnson-Coleman:

### Item 5: Improving Journal

- Thematic volume: Appalachian English
- No pdf's, use EBSCO, get links
- Support SECOL by submitting strong articles (remind yourself and colleagues)

### Item 6: Next year's conference (2013)

- Spartanburg, SC? (objection due to rebel flag; NAACP has imposed sanctions)
- Communicate with Clai Rice over the next few weeks for suggestions
- Mary Zeigler says confront the enemy rather than walk away → conference should be held in Spartanburg, SC anyway
- A decision on conference site at a later date

### Item 7: Planning of conference meetings in advance

- Want to plan the next meetings 2 years in advance
- There are 2 offers-2013 (Spartanburg, SC) and 2014 (Benjamin Torbert, University of Missouri at St. Louis?)
- LAVIS 4 at NC State in 2015; perhaps SECOL can join the conference
- Deadline for offers (rejections and acceptances) is May 15, 2012
- Next year's business meeting held after the plenary talk in order to discuss plans with more members