

Minutes to 2018 Executive Committee meeting (16 Nov).

Present: Emily Isaacson, Kathryn Dolan, Eloise Sureau, Matthew Barbee, Erika Behrisch Elce, Sheila Liming, Shannon Derby, Justin Hastings (for report), Christopher Kendrick.

After introductions, the committee reviewed a "Summary of Revenue and Expenses 2016-17" document, and a forecast report. The finances of the organization are in relatively good shape, though there is reason to think that revenue increases of the recent past will fall.

The committee reviewed and discussed the "Report of Income and Subscriptions for JMMLA" and the "Report on Membership".

Justin Hastings joined the committee to give a report on the incorporation, over the last three years, of undergraduate sessions into the convention. Under his oversight, the undergraduate forum has gone from one session 3 years ago to 8 sessions at this year's convention; the plan is to keep it at roughly this size. The committee decided that there should be a prize for best undergraduate convention paper, to be managed much like the graduate paper prize (the monetary award should be \$100).

The committee reviewed and discussed a chart on awards and grants offered by MLA regional associations. The MMLA has given out 10 travel subventions of \$250 to graduate students presenting papers at the conference for the last 2 years. It was decided to add an equal number of such awards for non-tenure-track faculty and independent scholars. The committee also decided that there should be an annual award for the best book produced by an MMLA member; "scholarly" and "creative" productions are to be recognized in alternate years (monetary award: \$500).

There was extended discussion of the MMLA's "code of conduct" statement--of revisions to it, and of ways it should be managed in practice.

The current state of the journal was discussed, and measures by which to prevent delays in the publication of issues bruited. It was decided that the JMMLA would henceforth accept essays written in languages other than English, though the languages are for the time being limited (like the EC's pretence of expertise) to French, Spanish, and German.

The newly revised constitution and bylaws were discussed, and some minor revisions suggested. After these revisions have been made and approved, the document will replace the one currently in effect and posted on our website.

Four nominations to the Executive Committee were discussed and confirmed: Tisha Brooks, Michelle Medeiros, Dana Schumacher-Schmidt, and Justin Hastings. Gaywyn Moore was also nominated, and the nomination will be discussed and voted on when the committee has reviewed her CV.

The composition of the Executive Committee was discussed. With respect to rotation: Emily Isaacson, Erika Berisch Elce, and Matt Barbee rotate off the committee, to the inconsolable regret of those who remain. Kathryn Dolan will move to the position of Past President/ Treasurer; Eloise Sureau moves to the position of President, and also joins Kathryn Dolan on the Editorial Committee; Sheila Liming was elected Vice-President. It was agreed that, in future, nominations to the committee should come not

only from the committee itself, but from the membership (by way of a call for nominations to be sent out shortly after the convention).

Eloise Sureau proposed “Doubles, Duality, Doppelgangers” as the theme of the 2019 (Chicago) convention, and this was discussed and approved.