

ASECS Business Meeting

April 1, 2005 – 3:30 p.m.

Parthenon #4, Alexis Park Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

President Margaret Doody called the meeting to order. It was determined that since there was no quorum, the meeting would be conducted for informational purposes only.

- I. A tribute was given to Paul Korshin, who passed away earlier in the month, by Howard Weinbrot and Jack Lynch.
- II. Summary of Major Executive Board Actions
 - a. Approval of budget for 2005-06
 - b. Approval of Prize, Awards, and Nominating Committees.
 - c. Approval of new members to the editorial and advisory boards of *ECS* and *SECC*.
 - d. Reappointment of William Edmiston as Treasurer beginning July 1, 2006.
 - e. Reappointment of Byron Wells as Executive Director beginning July 1, 2006.
 - f. Update on ASECS/BSECS Exchange
 - g. Two new fellowships – additional one with the Clark Library and one with the Keough Institute for Irish Studies.
 - h. Affiliate status given to the Burney Society

- III. Treasurer's Report – William Edmiston reported the Society is financially sound. He also made a request that future registration fees be paid by check to help reduce the expenses the society incurs with credit card fees.

- IV. Election Results

Byron Wells reported the following ASECS election results from the 330 ballots cast:

- a. President – Sarah Maza
- b. First Vice President – Felicity Nussbaum
- c. Second Vice President – Bernadette Fort
- d. Members at Large – Larry Wolff
Christopher Johns

- V. Report on Annual Meetings –

2005	Las Vegas – Update – Thanks were given to Gregory Brown and Timothy Erwin and their committee for all the hard work that has gone into the 2005 annual meeting.
2006	Montreal – Fairmont Queen Elizabeth – March 30 – April 2
2007	Atlanta – Sheraton Mid-Town (joint meeting with SESECS)
2008	Portland, Oregon – Hilton Portland and Executive Tower
2009	Richmond – Downtown Marriott

- VI. Traveling Jam Pot Fellowship – 7 Fellowships given for the Las Vegas Meeting.

- VII. Award Presentations

Margaret Doody made the following award presentations:

- a. Clifford Winner – Mark Blackwell at the University of Hartford for “Extraneous

Bodies: The Contagion of Live-Tooth Transplantation in Late Eighteenth-Century England”, published in *Eighteenth-Century Life*.

- b. Louis Gottschalk Prize Competition - Dror Wahrman for “*The Making of the Modern Self*” (Published by Yale University Press)
- c. Graduate Student Conference Paper – Nicole Horejsi, UCLA, “Exoticizing the English and Domesticating the Foreign: Clara Reeve’s Progress of Romance and the Creation of a National Genre”
- d. Graduate Student Research Essay – Gefen Bar-On, McGill U., “True Light; True Method: The Impact of Newtonianism on the Editing of Shakespeare in Eighteenth-Century England”
- e. Travel Fellowships:
 - Aubrey Williams – Ellen Malenas
 - Richard Popkins – Vanessa Agnew
 - Gwin J. and Ruth Kolb – Heather King
 - Robert Palmer – Jeffrey Merrick
 - Irish American – Karen Cajka
- f. Innovative Course Design Competition
 - Amy Wolf – “The Coffeehouse Culture of Eighteenth-Century England”
 - Dena Goodman – “The French Enlightenment”
 - Jennifer Frangos and Cristobal Silva – “Transatlantic Eighteenth Century (England and the New World/America and the Old World)”
- g. Women’s Caucus Awards:
 - First Editing and Translation Fellowship awarded to Orianne Smith at the University of Loyola at Chicago. Orianne has contracted with Broadview Press to edit Helen Maria Williams’s groundbreaking novel *Julia* (1790), a rewriting of Rousseau’s *La Nouvelle Héloïse*.
 - Émilie du Châtelet Award for Independent Scholarship - Susan B. Iwanisziw for “Interracial Concubinage in the Long Eighteenth Century: Two Exemplary Women”

The suggestion was made that these presentations be made prior the President’s address when more members are in attendance. This will be implemented at the 2006 meeting.

VIII. Annual Fund Raising Initiative

President Doody reported that the Executive Board would like to see the Society implement an annual fund raising effort to insure the continuation of present awards as well as the establishment of new ones.