



Society for the Study of Early Modern Women

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference
Cincinnati, OH
Saturday, October 27, 2012

Following the Plenary Address
**TOWARDS A HISTORY OF GENDER VIOLENCE:
METHODOLOGIES AND CHALLENGES**
Lisa Vollendorf, San José State University

Welcome: President Allyson Poska welcomed those present.

1. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference in Fort Worth Texas were approved.

The Memorial Red Book was circulated. 42 members signed in as present.

2. **President's Report:** President Poska overviewed a year of many transitions. She introduced the new treasurer (Deborah Uman) and new secretary (Abby Zanger). The Society's website has been moved from the University of Maryland to a secondary system at the University of Mary Washington. Announcements can now go up on the website in an interactive way and there will be an on-line membership directory. The Society also plans to have on-line voting for officers next year.
3. **Vice-President's Report:** Vice-President Jane Couchman overviewed the Society's sessions at other conferences. With the help of our liaisons to other societies and professional organizations we had 17 SSEMW panels at national meetings. She also overviewed the travel grants given to students attending this conference and to our student representative to the executive committee. The graduate student travel recipients were recognized and presented their awards and certificates.
4. **Webmistress Report:** Webmistress Karen Nelson updated changes to the website and made a plea to those attending that if they are not on the listserv to send an email to her. It will now also be possible to do subscribe to the listserv directly on the website. One does not have to be a member of the Society to be on the listserve, but you do have to be a member of the Society to vote in elections. You can pay dues on the website.
5. **ATW Report:** Merry Wiesner-Hanks gave an overview of the first ATW conference held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. There were 184 attendees and it generated many new members for SSEMW because everyone who registered also became a member of the Society. There were 43 workshops, 12 plenary keynotes and it was a terrific conference.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** (Deborah Uman in absentia) There is \$22,000 in the society's account. SSEMW needs 240 members to break even and membership numbers are currently on the lower end, but the president and treasurer have been working to get back former members who have not

paid in many years. 70 old members had rejoined in the last three months due to their efforts and the society is in a fiscally healthy state. Other expenses are the subvention to the journal *Early Modern Women*, the annual reception at SCSC, and travel grants to graduate students.

- 7. Nominating Committee Report:** (Diana Robin) There is a full slate of officers to vote on for executive committee and the hope is that the voting will take place on line. An effort was made for disciplinary and geographic diversity. The three committees and executive board were outlined and a request was made that if any member is interested in serving on committees please talk to us.
- 8. Awards Committee Report:** Sheila ffoliot presented on behalf of chair Cynthia Cyrus. It was underscored that it is incumbent on everyone to generate nominees for the 2012 competition. The winners of the 2011 competition were presented. Janet Mueller was the only winner present and she accepted the Josephine Roberts Award for best scholarly edition. Professor Mueller said a few words about Jo Roberts.
- 9. Old Business:** No old business
- 10. New Business:** There will be a shift in membership year to a June-June term because Attending to Women is now held in June and no longer in the fall. Jane Donawerth asked from the floor if we might have a monetary award for our annual prizes. It was decided this topic would be discussed at the next executive committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and all were invited to our annual reception in the next room.