



SSEMW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes
Sunday October 24, 2015, Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, British Columbia,
Port McNeill Room

Held following the Plenary Address

“RENAISSANCE PRINCESS, DIGITAL NEW WORLD: ISABELLA D’ESTE ONLINE”
Deanna Shemek (University of California, Santa Cruz)

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (Julie Campbell)
The Red Book was circulated for signature by those present.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes were approved as circulated.
3. **President’s Report** (Julie Campbell): Julie Campbell thanked Megan Matchinske for her work over the last year with the founding mothers of SSEMW. More to report: there are 3 new conferences for SSEMW to affiliate with: SAA, SAMLA, and MRC. The SSEMW would like to express gratitude to Donald Foster, the author of *Women’s Works*, who is contributing a portion of royalties from his books to SSEMW. We have expanded our Facebook presence, so please like us! Pia Jakobsson has been forwarding everything to our Facebook page; Anna Wainwright will also possibly do more of that as Social Media Manager.
4. **EMWJ Report** (Mihoko Suzuki and Anna Cruz): The current issue was passed around; there are now two issues per year, and the current issue has a forum on entrepreneurial early modern women. The journal is also now including relevant film reviews. Next fall there will be a forum on women and science, and in the spring there will be reviews of relevant websites. Please continue to be supportive of the journal through reviews and submissions. The big news: the current editors will be stepping down at the end of 2016, and have already told ACMRS. The search committee will include: 2 representatives from the journal (Merry Wiesner-Hanks and Megan Matchinske), 2 from SSEMW (Susan Asmussen, Sheila ffolliott), and 2 from ACMRS. The assembled group was encouraged to consider putting together bids for becoming the new editorial team: the new team will need to be interdisciplinary, multi-language, and will need a home university, support from their administration, and an editorial assistant. Please get in touch if you want to get involved.
5. **Vice-President’s Report** (Meredith Ray): This year SSEMW sponsored 12 sessions at conferences; we were down two sessions from previous year because RSA was in Berlin, which proved cost-prohibitive to some participants. RSA will give the Society an additional session in Boston to compensate for this. 5 graduate student travel grants were awarded; students should be encouraged to apply in future years.

6. **Webmistress' Report** (Pia Jakobsson): Pia couldn't be here, but there have been nice upgrades to the website, and it is functioning smoothly.
7. **Treasurer's Report** (Deborah Uman): Very positive. Attending to Women took place this year, and it was a great year because of that (and always is, because several people have to become members and pay dues to attend the conference). We need to get new members; after that, we might consider additional uses of the current savings. There is a current balance of \$1,490.
8. **Nominating Committee Report** (Lara Dodds): The Vice President becomes President automatically in January (Meredith Ray is the current VP) and there is one nominee for VP (this year it is Julia Hairston who will become president in 2017). The list of executive committee nominees was read. An electronic ballot will be sent out. The nominating committee worked hard to have a range of disciplines.
9. **Awards Committee Report and Announcement of Awards** (Wendy Heller): Winners were announced and certificates were awarded to winners who were present.
10. **Old Business:** Covered in introductory remarks.
11. **New Business:** The time was given over to Allyson Poska, who announced that Ashgate has been bought by Taylor & Francis. The future of the Women and Gender series not been decided yet. Taylor & Francis will honor all current contracts through 2016, and more information will be available in the next 3-6 months. If you intend to send proposals to the series, please send to *both* T & F and also to the current editors of the series. Merry Wiesner-Hanks adds that the Attending To Early Modern Women conference happened this year, and went very well. She will organize the conference once more in 2018, and then it will need a new home for 2021.

The meeting was adjourned to the SSEMW Reception in the Port Hardy Room of the Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel Vancouver.

(Minutes Submitted by Anna Wainwright)