

(Annual Business Meeting, 2011 MLA, Los Angeles, Noon-3 pm--held at Rock 'N Fish, L. A. Live)
Present: Betsy Sargent, Nancy Paxton, Holly Laird, Tina Ferris, Joyce Wexler, Heather Lusty, Bret Keeling

- 1) The importance of updating and keeping current financial records was discussed.
- 2) The business meeting from last year's MLA (Philadelphia Dec. 2009) was summarized
- 3) Treasurer's Report (summary)
 - a. **\$140.20** "in" as of Dec. 31, 2010 (although we already have approx. \$200 additional from membership renewals through PayPal in the past week or so)
 - b. **\$3,577.64** "out" as of Dec. 31, 2010 (mainly deposits for Sydney conference, some set-up costs for website)
 - c. New dues will be accepted via PayPal--recent test payments show that we need to change set-up so that the DHLSNA membership form will be completed BEFORE paying)
 - d. Treasurer will transfer monies from PayPal to bank account
 - e. Need to determine the frequency for said transfers (on a regular basis)
 - f. Need to research PayPal and "labeling" costs [may not be an issue]
- 4) Seattle MLA 2012
 - a. Holly will submit proposal /topics
 - b. DHLSNA is guaranteed 1 panel session;
 - c. We can request a business mtg session at 8:30 p.m.
 - i. This "business mtg" can also function as a social or networking opportunity
 - ii. Betsy: (option) Ask MLA to publish time & place of dinner & meeting
 - iii. Betsy: Saturday (versus Thursday [as too early], Friday [president's address])
 - iv. Bret will make restaurant suggestions (need to figure this out BEFORE end of February)
 - d. We can request a second panel for MLA, but don't have much chance unless we collaborate with another division or allied organization in creating a proposal
 - i. Discussion of possible topics brainstormed [CFP does not lock us into actual panel title]
 - ii. Heather mentioned possibility of proposing a joint panel with Joyce scholars (IJJF; Anne Fogarty, President) based on Joyce/Woolf panel at 2011 MLA
- 5) Updates for web site
 - a. Nancy: non profit status application nearly ready to mail to IRS = benefits
 - b. Betsy: by-laws needed to meet specific criteria for non-profit status (they do now)
 - c. Filing annual income tax is as simple as an eCard if we take in less than \$25,000 per year
- 6) Nancy on Sydney
 - a. Registration soon will be available online (thanks to Tina)
 - b. 60 abstracts thus far from all over the world--second call has gone out
 - c. Conference page will be updated in the next two weeks
 - d. Discussion of relationship between keynotes and awards (should there be one?)--possible keynote speakers discussed.
 - e. Announce by 1/15/2011

- 7) Harry T. Moore Award
 - a. Betsy: Discussion among executive committee members in the fall; hesitation about splitting this award between two people
 - b. No monetary value to HTM Award -- if HTM award winner is selected as (and agrees to be) keynote speaker for Australia conference, subsidy toward travel comes from conference budget. No honorariums.
 - c. Executive Committee will choose award winner; conference planning committee will decide if award winner will be invited as a Keynote. Nominees discussed, winner chosen pending approval from Executive Committee via email after MLA.
 - d. Spilka Lecture (no money from DHLNSA, but possible subsidy toward travel expenses from conference budget). Again, no honorariums.
 - i. Option: award Title; if the person accepts, then that person gives a keynote; becomes a named honorary keynote
 - ii. Recommendations discussed and winner chosen pending approval from Executive Committee via email after MLA.
 - e. Newly Published Scholar Award
 - i. \$500 from Society funds
 - ii. Per Betsy: Holly made a nomination
 - iii. Per Nancy: Criterion for award needs to be clarified
 - iv. Per Nancy: All 3 awards will include dinner for winner and a guest
 - v. Betsy will send out a call for additional "Scholar" award nominations
 - vi. Betsy will finalize other 2 awards
 - vii. Consensus reached at business meeting for Harry T. Moore and for Spilka Lecture
- 8) Document consolidation/digitization/access
 - a. Need for all Society's documents (member registry, contact info, annual treasurer's report, etc.) to be made electronic; files need to be accessible to various peoples
 - b. Betsy and Joyce shared some docs (current member database); Heather offered to set up a G-mail account and upload the Society's documents to Google Docs, assigning read Only and Edit controls to each document as specified by Betsy
(This has been done; e-mail account name:
DHLawrenceSocietyNA@gmail.com)
- 9) Location for next Intl conference
 - a. Betsy: need to set aside a time at Sydney conference to reconstitute CCILC (Co-ordinating Committee for International Lawrence Conferences) to discuss and finalize NEXT International Lawrence Conference location (maybe a breakfast meeting so it won't conflict with any paper-reading sessions--Nancy will arrange after Betsy makes initial contact with other DHL Societies around the world)
 - b. Per Betsy: DHLNSA is one of MANY Lawrence societies. We need to represent and welcome all Lawrence constituencies to the CCILC and involve as many as possible in planning and/or hosting future DHL conference.