

Minutes of the D. H. Lawrence Society of North America  
Jan. 11, 2020: 8:30 am  
MLA 2020, Seattle, WA; Daily Grill, Sheraton Grand Hotel.  
Submitted by Holly A. Laird

Present: Executive Committee members: Nanette Norris, Adam Parkes (via Zoom), Joyce Wexler, and Katherine Toy Miller (who replaced Carrie Rohman for 1 term last year when Carrie moved into the position of Directory Editor); general members: Holly Laird, Richard Kaye, Feroza Jussawalla (via Zoom), and Nancy Paxton.

Chaired by Nanette Norris, President of the D. H. Lawrence Society of North America

- I. The breakfast meeting was called to order at 8:30 with welcome and introductions.
- II. Minutes from last general business meeting (2019) were approved.
- III. Election of Officers: Nanette Norris reported on ongoing election of new officers, including the executive committee's nominations of Feroza Jussawalla, Katherine Toy Miller, and Marina Ragachewskaya, as new executive board members, and Tonya Krouse as Directory Editor (replacing Carrie Rohman, who assumed this position last year but was unable to complete her term due to lack of appropriate technology).
- IV. Website: Nanette Norris and Adam Parkes now have sign-in information necessary to edit DHLSNA website, while Tina Ferris and Marco Canani remain Webmaster and Assistant Webmaster, respectively (in paid positions).  
Paypal: Tina Ferris remains sole contact person for DHLSNA, as the 'owner' of the account. Nanette Norris and Andrew Keese have access. Adam Parkes will be added in the near future.  
2020 International Conference Website: separate from DHLSNA website this year; conference schedule and all abstracts are posted there (under "More"); corrections still possible for names, titles, etc.
- V. Nanette Norris presented the treasurer's report (to be posted on the website), including explanation of:
  - a. Net Assets for 2018 and Opening Balances for 2019;
  - b. Maximizer Account, which derives from Gargano Conference and is dedicated to International Conference, in trust for the CCILC;
  - c. Revenues derived from Membership (all online; no checks this time) and memorial donations for Virginia Hyde. These donations have enabled the Hyde graduate student fellowship: Aaron Botwick is the 2020 fellow;
  - d. Expenses include the Bravenet Annual Fee, which had not gone through earlier, during the complicated process of shifting the treasurer's position to Andrew

Keese—this issue is now settled; and the Travel Stipends that accompany the 2020 DHLSNA awards (each set at \$500 this year);

- e. Net profit for 2019 of c. \$2000;
- f. A Separate Account is established this year for the 2020 International Conference;
- g. Revenues for 2020 International Conference include donation from Feroza Jussawalla's student, Bradley Tepper; Registrations; and Carry-over from 2018: DHLS (AUS) payment towards the International Conference fellowships;
- h. Expenses include charges for use of O'Keefe tree logo (each usage receives separate consideration); posters will be self-financing;
- i. A, B, and C Balances reported;
- j. "Notes" include mention of shift of names connected to DHLSNA account from Matthew Leone and Joyce Wexler to Andrew Keese and Adam Parkes.

VI. By-Laws Ratification Results:

- a. Results of vote: unanimously in favor; 30 members voted;
- b. All present reaffirmed vote in favor of By-Laws Revision.

VII. Topics for next MLA:

- a. Carry-over topics from 2019 and two new topics (Ethics and the Other) presented and discussed, with "animal rights" and "the American Landscape" dismissed due to overlap with the 2019 Paris Conference and forthcoming the 2020 International Conference; some consideration of topic of "teaching," with question raised of teaching specifically in the #MeToo Era.
- b. Consensus reached for "D. H. Lawrence in the #MeToo Era," with agreement to revisit decision if MLA chooses a propitious conference theme prior to deadline for posting cfp.
- c. Suggestion offered that a respondent might be effective for the proposed topic and all agreed.

VIII. Virtual Conference (April 18, 2020) update:

- a. Question raised of moderators for panels;
- b. Problem of no shows for one panel last year discussed: consensus emerged that requirement should be introduced for graduate student applications to demonstrate direct communication with their supervisors about their panel proposals and presentations: final wording for this left open for cfp writer.

IX. Taos International Conference 2020 update: see conference website.

X. Membership Drive: Tina Ferris, Tonya Krouse, and Nanette Norris will begin work on this Immediately after MLA.

XI. Varia:

- a. Next Business Meeting will probably occur at 2021 MLA in Toronto, Canada, though discussion was opened of possibility for future annual business meetings to be held instead at SAMLA or at another vigorous regional MLA Conference,

depending on convenience for that year's officers, especially its president; members agreed that it is important to retain allied association status with main MLA even if only through the one guaranteed panel, depending on how the MLA restructures itself in coming years.

- b. Two successful panels were held last year at SAMLA.
- c. Richard Kaye urged allocation of funds for more graduate students to receive conference travel stipends, and discussion ensued of increasing these not only for travel to the International Conference, but for the MLA and other regional MLAs—no final decision was reached at this time; correlatively, Holly Laird suggested creating a general conference travel and research grant fund for emerging and under-funded mid-career scholars, including contract, contingent, and community college faculty and independent scholars—no final decision was reached at this time.
- d. Discussion ensued of the desirability of developing a greater presence at the MSA annual conference:
  - i. through proposals for panels that include D. H. Lawrence, though no one was prepared at this time to follow through with a proposal for the 2020 MSA meeting;
  - ii. through the *DHLR* editor possibly taking the initiative to sponsor an exhibition booth for modernist scholarly journals.
- e. Richard Kaye (*DHLR* editor) reported on:
  - i. his plan for a one-day conference on *Women in Love*, honoring the 100th year of its publication and following a similar format to that of the conference on *Sons and Lovers*, previously; again at the CUNY Graduate Center; and scheduled this time to occur on Oct. 21, the day before the 2020 MSA Conference takes place in Brooklyn;
  - ii. his plan to issue an appeal for issues missing from the *DHLR* archives, probably via the DHLSNA listserv;
  - iii. his need for print copies of all Cambridge editions of DHL;
  - iv. the inclusion of the *DHLR* in a new JStor group titled "Lives of the Authors" and the usefulness of JStor for tracking downloads of specific articles.