

Minutes of the D. H. Lawrence Society of North America
Jan. 10, 2015

Location: Showcase Restaurant at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown, 1128 West Hastings St., Vancouver, BC.; 8:00 am.

Present: Executive Committee members: Betsy Sargent, Joyce Wexler, Holly Laird, Nancy Paxton, and Erin Johns Speese; general member: Mark Deggan.

- I. Nancy Paxton, new president of the D. H. Lawrence Society of North America, called the breakfast meeting to order at 8:15, beginning with welcome and introductions.
- II. Joyce Wexler presented the treasurer's report for 2014. Several changes were suggested including:
 - A. separating the revenues from the D. H. Lawrence conference in Gargnano from the DHLNSA dues collected during this event.
 - B. clarifying the amounts DHLNSA contributed toward the awards at the Gargnano conference.
 - C. noting more clearly Sue Reid's generous donation of \$500, from her award as a younger Lawrence scholar to the fund for graduate fellows at the upcoming international DHL conference in London.
 - D. The budget was provisionally approved with the assumption that these changes will be incorporated into the final budget. We applauded the organizers of the Gargnano conference for their efforts and careful budget planning so that this event, far from going into the red, ended with a surplus that can be used to support subsequent international conferences.
 - E. One suggestion was that we investigate how some of the revenue from the Gargnano conference could be used to expand the number of graduate fellowships offered at the next international D. H. Lawrence conference in London.
 - F. Another suggestion was to investigate additional ways to use DHLNSA funds to support Lawrence scholarship—one idea was to establish a travel fund from DHLNSA dues to supplement travel to MLA meetings for graduate students and contingent faculty who are offering papers on D. H. Lawrence.
- III. Betsy Sargent reported on her on-going work in maintaining the listserv of the current paid members of the DHLNSA. She reported that there are a total of 165 paid members (including 2 who reported difficulties with PayPal); at this time 69 enrolled members have not yet paid for 2015 membership. A few have emailed us that they plan to send checks (some forget to select their country at the beginning of the payment process, whether by credit card or through PayPal. We should inform members about the necessity of selecting the correct country at the beginning of the process; that information would be important to circulate with renewal reminders next year). It would also be a good idea to begin renewals on Dec. 1, on the day the newsletter is distributed, to give everyone a full month before the Jan. 1 deadline. The online password to the members section of the website should not be changed until mid or late January.

IV. New Business

- A. Nancy Paxton reported that the majority of the Executive Committee approved the two proposed topics for MLA 16 in Austin, Texas. They are:
1. "Lawrence and 'Native' Encounters," topics include Lawrence's writings on the American Southwest, Mexico, Australia, race, indigeneity, eco-critical readings of place, or related subjects. 250-word abstracts by 1 March 2015 to Jwexler@luc.edu.
 2. "Lawrence, Editions and Critical Renewal," proposed in collaboration with the Society for Textual Scholarship. Topics include the CUP editions (e.g. Lawrence's poetry, *First Women in Love*), readerships, pedagogical uses of scholarly editions. 250-word abstracts by 1 March 2015 to Nancy.Paxton@nau.edu and youngj@marshall.edu
 3. Nancy will post these CFP for both sessions on the MLA website. As Vice-president, Joyce will organize the DHLSNA session on "Lawrence and 'Native' Encounters," and she will post the necessary documents with MLA by 1 Apr. 2015.
 4. Nancy will work with Paul Eggert and John Young, past-president and current president of the STS, to organize the collaborative session, "Lawrence, Editions, and Critical Renewal." They will develop a defense for this competitive session and post the documents with MLA by 1 Apr. 2015.
 5. We also discussed some ways to expand the appeal of D. H. Lawrence sessions and offerings at the Austin MLA 16: Nancy will investigate sponsoring a trip and possible program at the Harry Ransome Center to showcase their holdings of Lawrence manuscripts.
 6. There was also a suggestion that we investigate arranging a screening of the recent D. H. Lawrence documentary, produced by the BBC. This event could possibly include commentaries by Geoff Dyer and/ or Catherine Brown.
 7. Nancy will help Joyce investigate venues for the annual DHLSNA dinner in Austin.
- B. MLA 17. There was a lively discussion about possible topics for MLA 17 including the following ideas: Nancy will investigate how we might canvass the membership about which topics below might have the widest appeal for our members.
1. Eco-critical readings of Lawrence's texts;
 2. Lawrence and Homelessness (voluntary, involuntary, class-related, etc.)
 3. Lawrence and the Space in Between (physical spaces and metaphorical spaces);
 4. Lawrence at Sea;
 5. Lawrence and Affect Theory;
 6. Lawrence and Mind.
- C. The business meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.