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Business Meeting, 15 October 2009  
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library  
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President Cathy Moran Hajo called the meeting to order at 3:52 p.m.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the 2008 Business Meeting passed unanimously.**

**Local Arrangements Committee** – Cathy Hajo thanked the Local Arrangements Committee members, John Lupton (chair), Daniel Stowell, Rowena McClinton, and Martin Tuohy. Hajo then introduced John Lupton, who thanked the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library for the use of their space and webcasting equipment and staff. Hajo then thanked Ken Price and the Program Committee for their work. Price announced the travel award recipients – Elizabeth Lorang, Wesley Raabe, and James Hanna. Hajo then asked all first time attendees at the meeting to stand and be recognized.

**President's Report** – Cathy Hajo reported that much progress was made in advancing the Long Range Plan, most notably effective communication. Hajo then mentioned the proposal for implementing the ADE's educational mission, which includes taking responsibility for the annual NHPRC Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents (Camp Edit). Hajo welcomed all those interested in volunteering for the committee to investigate this idea to email Ken Price. Hajo then reported that additional committee help is needed and urged members to sign up. Increased membership being a goal this coming year, Hajo asked all those interested in joining the membership committee to contact Price. Hajo also thanked Martha King for her dedicated service on the Council.

**Secretary's Report** – Jennifer Stertzler reviewed the changes implemented this past year, including electronic delivery of all secretarial communications (membership dues payment and conference registration notices and reminders), the online payment of membership dues / contributions option, and new online "Member Gateway." Stertzler explained the gateway is accessible only by logging in with a username and password provided to members on their membership dues receipt. Currently, the gateway contains the member directory, ADE Strategic and Action Plan, lists of Officers and Committees, the ADE Constitution, E-Newsletter Archive, Liaison information, and Officer/Committee Manuals. Stertzler reminded members that ADE memberships expire at the end of every calendar year and renewal notices are

sent out end of January / beginning of February. At present there are 282 members. This is down slightly from last year's total of 289.

The results of this year's election are as follows: Susan H. Perdue will serve as President-elect; John T. Fierst will serve as Treasurer; Jennifer Stertzter will continue as Secretary; Sharon Ritenour Stevens will continue as Director of Publications; and Denton L. Watson will serve as Councilor-at-large. Our Nominating Committee members are: John A. Lupton, chair; Theodore Crackel; Ann Gordon; Margaret Hogan; and Joel Myerson.

Stertzter then reported on the creation and work of the liaison committee and encouraged members to become involved in this effort.

**Treasurer's Report** – John Lupton reported that despite the bad economy, the ADE's finances did quite well. The organization had a net gain of \$3,731.00 which Lupton attributes to the ten percent increase in membership income and the substantial increase in contributions because of Beth Luey's generous matching membership contribution. Lupton also reported that the conference in Tucson did very well with a profit of just over \$3,000.00. After five years of serving as treasurer, Lupton reminded members he was stepping down. Lupton thanked the finance committee members, particularly Bill Ferraro and Gary Moulton, who served on the finance committee the entire time. Lupton also thanked the secretaries he worked with over the years. Lupton then presented the members with a revised, proposed budget for 2009-2010, with a total expenditure of \$30,850.00. **Motion to adopt the 2009-2010 budget as revised passed unanimously.**

**Publications Committee Report** – Sharon Stevens reported that at the annual meeting in Tucson, the Council had charged the committee with two tasks: 1) create a mission statement for and define goals of *Documentary Editing*, and 2) locate an editor. Stevens stated that Council approved the mission statement in December 2008 and that Ron Bosco and Rich Leffler had agreed to co-edit the next two issues of *Documentary Editing*. Stevens reported that Volume 31 will be mailed out in December 2009. Stevens also made a call for an editor/s for the 2011 issue. Stevens then reported that the Publications Committee was looking into putting back issues online and noted that the 2011 editor should have an interest in a print-to-electronic transition.

**E-newsletter** – Martha King reported that the inaugural year for the e-newsletter was a success and thanked Jennifer Steenshorne, editor, for her work. King also extended a thank you from Steenshorne to regular contributors Charlene Bickford, William Ferraro, and Barbara Bair, as well as to Cathy Moran Hajo, Mary-Jo Kline, and Alexis Luckey for their assistance. King then reported that at present, the main goal is to ensure timeliness and announced

that the e-newsletter team would be experimenting with WordPress. King also encouraged members to submit feedback and offers of help to Steens-horne.

**Meetings Committee Report** – Mary Hackett reported that we have signed a contract for the Hilton Garden Inn in Philadelphia for Friday to Sunday, 15–17 October 2010. A local arrangements committee is still needed and Hackett encouraged all those interested to contact her. The 2011 meeting is still planned for Salt Lake City, Utah, while the site for the 2012 meeting remains open. Hackett then reported that the Philadelphia contract was arranged by Helms-Briscoe, a company that arranges meetings and contracts nationally and internationally. If the Philadelphia meeting is successful, Hackett recommends we continue using this service.

**Federal Policy Committee Report** – Charlene Bickford reported that the Humanities Advocacy Day was a huge success and thanked all members who participated. The ADE had the highest level of participation of any organization, with sixteen ADE members in attendance. Bickford urged the need for even greater representation and involvement from ADE members and expressed the hope that those from other states would be able to participate at next year's HAD on 8 and 9 March 2010.

Bickford briefly reported on the events of last year, noting the impact of the 2008 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing and appropriations committee directive relating to the digitizing of the Founding Father's papers. Bickford explained that although the change in Presidential Administrations brought recommendations for increased support of both the NEH and NHPRC, there was also an attempt to direct how the NHPRC funding would be allocated and limit funding for editions. While the final resolutions remain undecided, Bickford reported that our efforts will continue in taking a stand against these types of earmarks. Cathy Hajo then reminded members to fill out the funding survey so that the ADE can focus its advocacy efforts accordingly.

**New Business** – Cathy Hajo called for any new business. Connie Schulz inquired whether it would be possible to implement a reduced conference registration fee for graduate students and it was agreed this would be discussed at the next Council meeting. There being no additional new business, the **Motion to adjourn** was passed unanimously at 4:37 pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Jennifer E. Stertz, Secretary.