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2007 Business Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting, November 16, 2007
Richmond Marriot Hotel
Richmond, Virginia

President Ron Bosco called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The minutes of the 2006 business meeting were approved.

The president thanked the Local Arrangements Committee: Brent Tarter (chair), John R. Barden, Sara Bearss, and Sandra G. Treadway. He expressed the ADE's appreciation to the Library of Virginia and the Library of Virginia Foundation for their sponsorship of the Friday evening reception. He thanked the University of Virginia Press, Rotunda; Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Retirement Series; and the Papers of George Washington for their sponsorship of the Cash Bar and President's Receptions. He thanked the Program Committee: Michael Stevens (chair), Charlene Bickford, J. Kent Calder, John Fierst, J. Jefferson Looney, Beth Luey, Susan Perdue, and Ze'ev Rosenkrantz.

Brent Tarter welcomed the members on behalf of the local arrangements committee. He explained the logistical details of the reception at the Library of Virginia and noted that small group tours will be available to view selected manuscripts and rare books in the library's collection.

Treasurer's Report

John Lupton reported that the ADE had a surplus of \$1,716 in the general budget, giving us unrestricted assets of nearly \$63,000. The major change this year was in the management of the Boyd and Boydston Award Funds. With the approval of the finance committee and the council, Mr. Lupton opened money market accounts for each fund, rather than investing the money in CDs. With interest rates currently at 5 percent, both funds have become self-sufficient.

The ADE requested an extension of the National Edowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant to produce the third edition of a *Guide to Documentary Editing*. The grant was due to expire at the end of July 2007,

but the NEH granted a one-year extension. The project has remained under budget, but should expend all of its grant funds at completion.

He presented the members with a revised proposed budget for 2007–2008, with a total expenditure of \$40,400. The revised budget was approved unanimously by the members.

Secretary's Report

Christine S. Patrick reported that the ADE had 334 members as of November 8, 2007; the membership stood at 337 on October 2, 2006.

She announced the results of the 2007 election: Richard Leffler and John Lupton have been re-elected to their respective positions as publications chair and as treasurer. Cathy Moran Hajo will be the president-elect, Lisa Francavilla the secretary, and Helen Deese the councillor at large. The nominations committee will consist of Kevin J. Hayes, Gregg Lint, Christine S. Patrick, Mary Lamb Sheldon, and Kenneth H. Williams (chair).

Publications Committee Report

Chair Richard Leffler reported that work on the manuscript for the third edition of the *Guide to Documentary Editing*, by Mary Jo Kline and Susan Purdue, was sent to the University of Virginia Press on August 1, 2007, and that details for the electronic edition are being finalized. The membership brochure has been completed and sent to the membership committee for distribution.

He announced that the Council had accepted the resignation of Marianne Wockeck as the editor in chief of *Documentary Editing* and had expressed its appreciation for her work on the journal. He reported that the Council had accepted the offer of J. Kent Calder to serve as the new editor in chief and his proposal to move the publication to Arizona State University, where he is the director of the university's Scholarly Publishing Program. The Council instructed Calder to publish volumes 29 and 30 of *Documentary Editing*, using combination issues for 2007 and 2008 so that our publication record will be up to date by the end of the calendar year 2008. Consideration of a new model for *Documentary Editing*, beginning with volume 31 in 2009, will be explored by the publication committee and the Council, and members are urged to share their ideas with the committee and Council. The committee will also consider negotiating a formal agreement with the university press at Arizona State University.

Mr. Leffler reported that past issues of *Documentary Editing* have been scanned in preparation for eventual publication on the ADE website

or perhaps on the Open Journal publishing platform at Arizona State University. This is a work in progress and a number of details still need to be resolved.

Travel Funds Committee Report

Chair Catherine Kunce introduced this year's recipients of ADE travel grants of \$500 each: Lois More Beckman (Correspondence of Samuel Beckett), Geoffery E. Gagen (Santayana Edition), Joseph F. Darowski (Joseph Smith Papers), and Roderick S. Speer (Richard Carswell Papers). Beginning in 2008, the allocation of travel funds will be the responsibility of the program committee, to encourage the presentation of papers by individuals who have not participated in previous years or who do not have access to funding from their employer.

President-Elect's Report

Michael Stevens reported that next year he and Cathy Moran Hajo, the new president-elect, will implement a long-range planning project. Next year will be the thirtieth anniversary for the ADE, a good time to review the current status of the organization, taking into account the tremendous changes in our profession that have occurred since the ADE was founded. To do this a series of task forces will be established to consider the following questions:

1. Who are documentary editors, and why should they join the ADE?
2. How do we better educate documentary editors?
3. How does the ADE get more financial resources to do what it needs to do?
4. How do we continue to advocate for documentary editing projects?

To succeed, the committee will need contributions from ADE members. Mr. Stevens will send a letter to every member explaining the goals of this project and inviting suggestions, and to keep every member informed about the process, information and suggestions from the task forces will be posted on the ADE website to encourage member participation.

Federal Policy Committee Report

Charlene Bickford, chair of the federal policy committee, thanked everyone for their support in lobbying for funds for the NEH and NHPRC and noted that a larger percentage of ADE members participate in National Humanities Day than members of any other group. She reported that the proposed funding for the NEH and the NHPRC in the appropriations

committees of both houses of Congress is very encouraging, with the NHPRC having been allocated \$10 million. If the president vetoes the appropriations bill, however, the NHPRC will revert to its current budget of \$5.5 million. She reported that funding for the NHPRC is now under the House Financial Services Committee, and not the Transportation Committee.

President Bosco thanked Ms. Bickford and other members of this committee for their long-term commitment to this crucial task.

Meetings Committee Report

Mary Hackett, chair of the meetings committee, reported that the 2008 meeting will be in Tucson, Arizona, October 23–26, and that the 2009 meeting will be in Springfield, Illinois, October 15–17 and will coincide with the 200th anniversary celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Volunteers are needed to host the 2010 and 2011 meetings.

New Business

Mary Gallagher, the chair of constitution and bylaws committee, introduced two resolutions from the committee.

1. To change Article 6, Section 2 of the Constitution to read: "The at-large members shall be elected by the association's members in the same manner as the officers of the association. Each at-large member shall serve for a three-year term. At-large members shall be eligible for re-election." Passed unanimously. This change must now go to the entire membership for a vote.
2. To change Article 2 of the Bylaws to read: "Compensation of Officers or Committee Members: Officers, committee chairmen, and committee members shall serve without salary or other financial compensation. Reimbursement for actual expenses of travel, food, and lodging for persons on official business shall be determined by the council on a case-by-case basis." After much discussion, it was moved and seconded to table this recommendation. Passed, with two abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine S. Patrick, ADE Secretary