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President Beth Luey called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. The meeting approved the minutes of the 2002 annual business meeting.

The president thanked this year's Local Arrangements Committee, in particular the chair of the committee, Beth Witherell. Other members of the committee were Charles T. Cullen, Sara Englum, Batalie Gawne, Janet C. Olson, Dianne Piper-Rybek, Mary Shelden, Andrew Sidle, Martin Tuohy, Sarah Jo Weber, Lihong Xie, and Deborah Zak. Beth Luey also thanked the Program Committee: Esther Katz (chair), Dennis Conrad, Helen R. Deese, Ann D. Gordon, and Cathy Moran Hajo.

Beth also expressed the gratitude of the ADE to the institutions and individuals who made the opening reception at the Newberry Library possible. These include in particular the reception's hosts, the Newberry Library and its president, Charles Cullen. Generous support for the reception was also provided by the University of Illinois Press and its director, Bill Regier; the University Libraries of Northern Illinois University and the dean of the libraries, Arthur Young; and Cindy and Steve Mitchell.

NHPRC-Sponsored Conference

The president reported on the small conference organized by the ADE, funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and hosted by the Newberry Library on November 12–13. Beth Luey will write a full report for posting on the ADE website and a summary for publication in *Documentary Editing*. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together editors, technology experts, librarians, publishers, representatives of professional associations, and people from funding agencies to discuss scholarly editions in an electronic environment and provide guidance to the NHPRC in formulating its strategic plans. Twenty-one people attended, thirteen of whom were also in attendance at the ADE annual meeting. The meeting's work resulted in the recommendation of three possible initiatives. The first involves pilot projects for digitization of microfilm and print editions, preparation of new editions with

simultaneous print and electronic publication, and the grouping or “federation” of electronic editions to allow several editions to be searched simultaneously. The second initiative will be a proposal from the ADE for NHPRC funding to consider assessment of the use of electronic editions. The third initiative would examine the feasibility of a center for technological assistance to editions and to provide a “home” for some editions. Participants in the conference also discussed access to technical assistance and ways to help good electronic editions win out over bad ones as users search the Web. Beth stressed that the ADE does not have paid staff or permanent offices, and any role that the Association might be called on to play would depend on the time and expertise contributed by its members.

The president recognized Max Evans, executive director of the NHPRC, who confirmed that a congressional conference committee had agreed to full funding of the NHPRC at the authorized level of \$10 million.

ADE Council

Beth Luey announced the results of the 2003 elections to office: Dennis Conrad, president-elect; Gary E. Moulton, treasurer; Anne Decker Cecere, secretary; Larry Hickman, director of publications; Michael Stevens, councillor-at-large; and the 2003-2004 Nominating Committee consisting of Joel Myerson (chair), Helen Deese, William Ferraro, Robert Karachuk, and Mary-Jo Kline. The president asked those in attendance to recognize members of the council who have completed their terms: Sharon Ritenour Stevens, councillor-at-large; Beverly Wilson Palmer, director of publications; and James McClure, secretary. In addition, the meeting thanked the chairs of the 2002-2003 ADE committees, along with webmaster Frank Grizzard, journal editor Marianne Wokeck, and the SEDIT-L list manager, Steve Miller.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Moulton, ADE treasurer, commented on the overall strength of the organization's finances. Although interest returns were low, the treasurer reported that he kept the ADE's funds in 12-month certificates of deposit, rather than riskier if potentially more lucrative investments, in order to place emphasis on security and liquidity over income and to facilitate the transfer to a new treasurer in 2004. The meeting voted to approve the treasurer's report and the proposed budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Committee Reports

For the Travel Funds Committee, chair Beverly Wilson Palmer reported that the ADE granted support to two panelists on this year's annual meeting program and two students attending the meeting. The committee also awarded partial funding for two student interns of *Documentary Editing*. In addition, Beverly announced that the council had authorized funding of \$2,500 for travel grants for 2004.

Marianne Wokeck, editor of *Documentary Editing*, announced that extra copies of the latest issue of the journal, which commemorates the ADE's twenty-fifth anniversary, were available for sale during the annual meeting, and that posters marking the event would also be available free of charge at the registration table.

For the incoming Nominating Committee, Joel Myerson announced that the committee expected to embark on its task at an early date and called for nominations from the membership for any of the offices to appear on the 2004 ballot.

Susan Krause, chair of the Meetings Committee, thanked the members of the committee and announced that the 2005 ADE annual meeting would be held at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, Colorado, on October 6–8, 2005. Then Thomas Mason spoke for the Local Arrangements Committee planning next year's meeting in Indianapolis, a committee that also includes Marianne Wokeck, Suzanne Bellamy, and others. He noted that the meeting would be held at the Radisson Hotel City Center on November 12–14, 2004. Among other events, the meeting will feature its banquet in the Panorama Ballroom of the Radisson and an opening reception at the Indiana Historical Society.

Appearing for the Committee on Electronic Standards, Cathy Moran Hajo invited any ADE members who were interested in the committee's work to join the group.

New Business

There being no old business before the meeting, the president announced that Steven Miller was stepping down as manager of the SEDIT-L online discussion list. She asked for suggestions of people who might be interested in becoming the manager or moderator of the list. This change would not require that the list be relocated from its present home on the University of Maryland server, although the list could be moved to a different server.

Incoming president Esther Katz announced two decisions by the council that will be of interest to ADE members. The first was a decision to reevaluate the ADE's dues structure to ensure the continuing financial health of the organization. Her second announcement concerned two possible changes to the ADE

Constitution and Bylaws: the first, to make election to the councillor-at-large positions noncompetitive; the second, for the Association to pay the treasurer's expenses for travel to the annual meeting as it now pays the secretary's expenses. In the coming months a committee will study both proposals.

All business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

James P. McClure, ADE secretary