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Minutes of the ADE Annual Business Meeting

Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C., 2 November 2002

President Mary-Jo Kline called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

The minutes of the 2001 annual business meeting were approved.

The president extended thanks to contributors to the annual meeting, including the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, the Public History Program at Arizona State University, the Colonial Dames of America (Chapter III), the George Washington University, The Supreme Court Historical Society, and individual contributors including Charlene Bickford, Allida Black, Kenneth Bowling, Roger Bruns, Philander Chase, David Chesnutt, Timothy Connelly, Dennis Conrad, Kathleen Dorman, Mary Giunta, Ronald Hoffman, Maeva Marcus, Leslie Rowland, Ray Smock, and Daun van Ee.

Thanks were also extended to Frank Grizzard, the Association's webmaster, for maintaining the website and particularly for making the annual meeting registration form available online; to the Committee on Electronic Standards, which has completed its survey and will report the results in *Documentary Editing*; to Charlene Bickford, chair of the Federal Policy Committee, and Charles Cullen, ADE representative to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission; and to Beverly Wilson Palmer and the Travel Funds Committee, which was formed and completed its work in the course of the past year. The president also expressed appreciation to outgoing council members Tom Mason and Joseph McElrath and extended a welcome to Ronald Bosco and Sharon Ritenour Stevens as they join the council. Finally, the president thanked the Local Arrangements Committee (Charlene Bickford and Leslie Rowland, co-chairs, Dennis Conrad, Kathleen Dorman, Mary Giunta, and Robert Karachuk) and the Program Committee (Beth Luey, chair, Catherine Kunce, Elaine Pascu, Kenneth Price, and Michael Stevens) for their splendid work.

Secretary's Report

To the list of contributors deserving thanks, Secretary James McClure added the 2001 Local Arrangements Committee, for the ADE emblem stickers used on this year's registration folders, and the Thomas A. Edison Papers and the Historical Publications Branch of the Naval Historical Center, both of which loaned audio-visual equipment for the

meeting.

Members cast 106 ballots in this year's election, with the following results: Esther Katz, president-elect; Gary E. Moulton, treasurer; James P. McClure, secretary; Beverly Wilson Palmer, director of publications; Sharon Ritenour Stevens, councillor-at-large (one year); and Ronald A. Bosco, councillor-at-large (three-year term). The 2002-03 Nominating Committee selected by ballot will consist of Celeste Walker, chair; Lynda L. Crist; Joel Myerson; Susan Holbrook Perdue; and John Y. Simon. Noting that current membership, including new members who joined at this annual meeting, stands at 426, which is a slight decline from last year, the secretary encouraged everyone to work at recruiting new members and keeping members in the organization. Twenty-six new members joined since the last annual meeting. The online directory, begun in 2002, includes entries for 247 members.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Treasurer Gary Moulton, who was presenting a paper at another conference, William Ferraro presented the treasurer's report and proposed budget. The meeting approved the budget proposed for the 2002-2003 ADE fiscal year.

Committee Reports

Charlene Bickford, chair of the Federal Policy Committee, stated that she would not go into detail about prospects for NEH and NHPRC funding, but instead took note of concerns for funding at the state level. To address those concerns the council will create a committee devoted to state funding and policy matters.

The chair of the Publications Committee, Beverly Wilson Palmer, noted that the transition of editorial offices of *Documentary Editing* had gone very smoothly. Speaking also as chair of the Travel Funds Committee, Beverly mentioned that the committee was able to award travel assistance to several members this year and took note of the fact that the budget for the coming year included \$2,500 for travel grants. Members interested in applying for travel grants should watch for the committee's announcements next year.

Documentary Editing

Marianne Wokeck, editor of the journal, thanked former

editor Beth Luey and Herman Saatkamp, dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Indiana University-Indianapolis, for their assistance during the transfer of *Documentary Editing* to its new location. She called attention to a sheet in the meeting registration folders soliciting reviewers for the journal and repeated her request of last year for anyone with submissions or suggestions for the journal to contact her. The December issue, she noted, would have information about the 2003 annual meeting and would also include the text of NEH Chairman Bruce Cole's remarks at the ADE Breakfast earlier in the day.

Future Meetings

Philander Chase, chair of the Meetings Committee, expressed appreciation to Elizabeth Hall Witherell and Charles Cullen for their work advancing plans for next year's annual meeting to be held in Chicago. Details of the 2004 meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, will come later. He stated also that changing demographics among the ADE membership were having an effect on potential meeting sites, since it was increasingly difficult to find cities with enough members to form a local arrangements committee, and noted that it might become necessary to explore other means of arranging for an annual meeting. As always, the committee welcomes suggestions of meeting sites and, particularly, volunteers to host meetings.

Elizabeth Witherell reported on arrangements for the meeting in Chicago, November 14–16, 2003, at the Wyndham Hotel located a block from the Magnificent Mile. Remarking on the number of cultural institutions and other sites of interest in and around Chicago, she indicated that the Local Arrangements Committee hoped to institute online sign-up sheets so that ADE members can visit particular cultural institutions at the same time. Details about the meeting will appear, as always, in *Documentary Editing* and on the ADE website.

Other Business

In response to a query from Candace Falk, Mary-Jo Kline said that the council would consider the suggestion made by Roger Bruns, in a program session earlier in the day, that the ADE become a fundraising entity for editorial projects.

Noting the death of E. James Ferguson, former editor of the *Papers of Robert Morris*, Elizabeth Nuxoll commented on his contributions to editorial scholarship and asked that a formal resolution be transmitted to Ferguson's family. The motion was seconded and approved.

Barbara Oberg commented on the accomplishments of the recently deceased Edward C. Carter II, librarian of the American Philosophical Society and an editor of the *Papers*

of Benjamin Latrobe. Her motion for a memorial resolution in Carter's behalf was seconded and approved.

The president adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.

—James P. McClure, ADE Secretary

2003 ADE Meeting

Next year's ADE meeting in Chicago will begin on Friday afternoon, November 14, and end at noon on Sunday, November 16. The meeting will be held in downtown Chicago at the Wyndham Chicago, 633 North St. Clair Street, just a block east of the center of Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile. Room rates will be \$109 for a single and \$129 for a double, plus city and state occupancy taxes; parking is \$34/day. Shuttles operate to and from Chicago's two major airports, O'Hare and Midway; Chicago also has local and national train service, an extensive bus system, and lots of taxis.

Charles Cullen will host Friday night's reception at the Newberry Library, which is located about a mile from the Wyndham. Saturday's banquet, at the Wyndham, will be catered by the staff of the hotel's excellent restaurant, Caliterra.

Given the riches of the city, the local arrangements committee has decided not to organize any formal tours; instead we encourage members to form their own groups for shows and museum visits. Chicago Architecture Foundation docents lead excellent bus and walking tours of historic buildings and local landmarks. Permanent Chicago attractions include the Art Institute, the Terra Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Chicago Historical Society, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, and Navy Pier, among many others. To learn about and make reservations for shows and other activities that will be going on at the time of the meeting, go to www.metromix.com or www.chicago.citysearch.com. More information will be included in succeeding announcements in *Documentary Editing* and on SEDIT-L.

The local arrangements committee for 2003 is chaired by Beth Witherell (witherell@niu.edu). Esther Katz (esther.katz@nyu.edu) chairs the program committee.