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Minutes of the ADE Annual Business Meeting

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 5 OCTOBER 2000

President Ann D. Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

The minutes of the 1999 annual business meeting, as published in the March 1999 *Documentary Editing*, were approved.

The President described the past year as both remarkable and extremely productive because of a strong group of people willing to do the work. The two major issues facing the membership are the new standards for funding long-term editions proposed by NEH and the situation with the original conference hotel, the Berkeley Marina Radisson. As regards the latter, the risk of financial loss posed by booking too few room nights at the Radisson was greater than the overall cost of moving to another hotel. A portion of a letter from the president of the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union Local 2850 was read, thanking members of the ADE for "honoring the boycott." A second letter from Berkeley City Council member Kriss Worthington expressed the City Council's "deepest gratitude" to members of the ADE. "We recognize and commend the sacrifices, of both time and money, made by the Association for Documentary Editing and its members in order to show its solidarity for fair, socially responsible and ethical business practices." The President said that ADE must be careful in arranging contracts with hotels and especially vigilant regarding its financial obligations. The President welcomed new members of ADE attending the meeting and thanked committee chairs, council members, local arrangements committee members, and departing officers.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Susan Perdue reported the results of the 2000 election, in which 104 ballots were cast: President-elect, Mary-Jo Kline; Secretary, James P. McClure; Treasurer, Gary Moulton; Director of Publications, Beverly Wilson Palmer; Councilor-at-large, three-year-term, Esther Katz. The Nominating Committee consists of Sharon Ritenour Stevens (chair), Richard Leffler, Dennis Conrad, Helen R. Deese, and Elizabeth Nuxoll.

Current membership stands at 479, compared to 521 in September 2000 (a decrease of 42 members). The total number of new members since October 1999 is 38. The decrease in membership is due to nearly 80 members who were dropped because of nonpayment of dues.

ADE lost two of its members to death; Mary Fitzgerald Finneran of the Hypermedia Yeats Edition and Jurgen Heideking of the Institute of Anglo-American History at the University of Cologne.

A breakdown of membership categories includes 24 patrons, 37 sustaining, 11 students, and 26 retirees. There were 35 contributors. Thirty-eight new members received copies of Beth Luey's *Editing Documents and Texts: An Annotated Bibliography* as gifts. John Kaminski again handled the inventory and distribution of all books.

Although a supplement was promised at last year's meeting, time did not permit its production so that the budgeted amount of \$300 for a supplement was not spent. A new directory will be produced in 2001. One of the suggestions implemented from last year was the inclusion of an address label on the inside of the dues mailing to allow each member to make any necessary changes. This was an efficient way of making corrections to the membership database.

The Secretary thanked the staffs of the Madison Papers and Washington Papers for their help in organizing the conference mailing.

Treasurer's Report

William M. Ferraro presented the financial report for Fiscal Year 1999–2000 (1 September to 31 August), which showed a deficit of \$5,494, due to expenses for the 1999 Charlottesville meeting which fell in this fiscal year and legal expenses related to the 2000 meeting. Total cash assets are \$46,618 (\$45,474 in savings, \$944 in checking, \$200 in a Nebraska bank for the transition to the new treasurer). As of 31 August 2000, the Julian P. Boyd Award had a balance of \$17,535, and the Jo Ann Boydston Award Fund had a balance of \$5,980. A letter of audit was conducted for which no irregularities were found. The Treasurer reported that this is the first budget over \$30,000. The proposed budget of \$31,700 for Fiscal Year 2000–2001 was adopted.

Committee Reports

Publications. Martha J. King, director of publications, stated the Publications Committee has been involved in revising the ADE membership brochure in conjunction with the Membership Committee. The brochure should be in its final form this coming year. She has also been a member

of the Website Initiative Committee providing the webmaster with updated information for the website. In the coming year, the director of publications and the committee will play a role in selecting a new editor and host institution for *Documentary Editing*. Beth Luey and her staff will conclude their term with the December 2001 issue. Mark Mastromarino will continue as bibliography editor through the same term. She thanked Frank Grizzard for his work as webmaster of ADE's website.

Future Meetings. Gary Moulton reported that the 2001 meeting will be in Raleigh, N.C., 4–6 October 2001, at the Sheraton Capitol City Center. Donna Kelly and Joe Mobley of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History are in charge of local arrangements. Charlene Bickford and Leslie Rowland have agreed to serve as local arrangements chairs for a 2002 meeting in Washington, D.C. Dates are not yet set. Any volunteers for arranging future meetings are asked to contact Joseph McElrath or Gary Moulton.

Federal Policy. Charlene Bickford reported that NEH has proposed a revision of its policy for long-term editing projects. She thanked Charles Cullen and Ann Gordon for assisting in the effort to convince NEH to allow a period of public response to the formal report which ends on 16 October 2000. She urged everyone to respond to the NEH proposal.

Ann Newhall, Director of NHPRC, thanked the editors for their efforts to get reauthorization passed, and in particular, she acknowledged the efforts of Richard Leffler and Charles Cullen.

Council Decisions and Recommendations

The President presented to the membership three policy decisions made by the Council.

- ♦ **Website:** The Council voted in favor of the following web initiatives: (1) to develop the site as the public presence of the ADE, while retaining its current development as an important service to members and the chief way new members are attracted; (2) to create a standing website committee—the chair of that committee to have authority to act as editor of the website and, in consultation with Council, to have authority for its content; and (3) that the committee be assigned a line item in the budget for \$3,000.

- ♦ **Committee on Electronic Standards:** The Council commended the efforts of the committee and approved the continuing work of the committee as well as inviting

comments from members until the end of 2000. The standards are available on the web

<http://www.nyu.edu/projects/sanger/ceshome.htm>.

The Council encouraged members to use the Committee on Electronic Standards' questionnaire for reviewing electronic editions and to provide comments to the Committee until June 2001.

- ♦ **NEH:** The Council recommended that ADE respond as an organization to the proposed revisions of policy regarding long-term projects.

Charles Cullen has been reappointed for another term as ADE's representative to the NHPRC.

The Education Committee will include something in the dues mailing about their work. They are still working on developing editing course syllabi, and are adding K–12 people to the committee. The Committee may make a formal connection with National History Day.

There was no new business.

President-Elect Joseph McElrath thanked the members of the program committee and called for active participation for the coming year.

There being no further business, President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Perdue
Secretary

