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BUSINESS, PLEASURE, AND ENLIGHTENMENT

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news that's
fit to print*

COUNTDOWN TO 2009 CHARLOTTE SEASECS

THE TIME IS NOW TO MAKE YOUR PLANS

if you haven't already for SEASECS 2009 in Charlotte, March 5-7. The preliminary program is now on the website (see the link above) and all has been prepared. What we still need is you! The lovely Renaissance Hotel at South Park, fascinating talks, and lively discussions await you. The conference will include a performance by The Baroque Arts Project on Thursday evening (see www.baroqueanddance.com), a plenary session entitled "Edmund Curll and the Book Trade" from **Pat Rogers**, University of South Florida, and a presentation from **Jack Armistead** about the life and work of our late colleague and benefactor, Percy Adams. Our hosts have put together a delightful program with the theme "Tricks of the Trade," giving us a generous number of receptions, breaks, and special events. The meeting promises to be both dulce et utile. If you haven't made your arrangements, seize the day!

BUSINESS MEETING IN CHARLOTTE

SEASECS members are invited and indeed encouraged to attend the Saturday morning business meeting. Breakfast will be served, and more to the point, we have important business to transact. Below you will find a message from the executive board regarding the constitutional changes, and on the second page, a copy of the constitution for your reference. Please review these changes and come prepared to discuss and vote.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

1. **Add the Graduate Student Prize Committee to the list of standing Committees** (# 5, below); and,
2. **Change of the term of the President to two years** (#s 1-4 and 6). This change would necessitate having only one Vice-President with a two-year term, rather than two Vice-Presidents with one-year terms, and having only the immediate past President sit on the board, rather than the two past Presidents. These related changes are designed to keep the term of service on the board to 5 years. Currently, the term is 1 year as 2nd Vice-President, 1 as 1st Vice-President, 1 as President, and 2 as Immediate Past President. Under the proposed system, this person would serve 2 years as Vice-President, 2 as President, and 1 as Immediate Past President.

We will be discussing and voting on these changes at our annual Business Meeting in Charlotte (details of time and place will soon be posted on the website). As a reminder, you can check for program updates and finish up any registration/hotel matters at the following site:

<http://www.auburn.edu/academic/societies/seasecs/>

Looking forward to a great meeting in Charlotte this year,
The Executive Board

DON'T FORGET!

- MAKE RESERVATION AT RENAISSANCE SOUTH PARK BEFORE FEB. 9!!
- PRINT SEASECS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM AT WEBSITE AND MAIL.
- ATTEND 2009 SEASECS IN CHARLOTTE, MARCH 5-7.

PERCY ADAMS PRIZE

The deadline for this year's Percy Adams prize has passed, but keep in mind next year. The Adams Prize includes an award of \$500 for the best article on an eighteenth-century subject published in a scholarly journal, annual, or collection between September 1, 2008 and August 31, 2009. Authors must be or become members of SEASECS. Submissions written in a language other than English must be accompanied by an English translation. Three copies must be submitted by November 15, 2009. Articles may be nominated by the author or by another member.



SEASECS's inaugural conference meeting

Summary of the Proposed changes to the Constitution of the SOUTHEASTERN AMERICAN SOCIETY for EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY STUDIES

I. CURRENT:

Article V. Organization. Section 1. Officers.

The Society shall have five elected officers -- President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer -- and such other appointive officers as shall be determined by the Society's Executive Board, described in Section 2, below.

CHANGE TO:

Article V. Organization. Section 1. Officers.

The Society shall have four elected officers -- President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer -- and such other appointive officers as shall be determined by the Society's Executive Board, described in Section 2, below.

II. Current:

Article V. Organization. Section 1. Officers.

The duties and responsibilities of the elected officers shall be as follows.

b. The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is unable, by absence, to perform them. The First Vice-President shall assist the President in the organization of the annual meeting and shall be an ex officio member of the Program Committee.

c. The Second Vice-President shall chair the Society's annual Membership Committee, and perform such other duties as are assigned by the Executive Board.

CHANGE TO:

Article V. Organization. Section 1. Officers.

The duties and responsibilities of the elected officers shall be as follows.

b. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is unable, by absence, to perform them. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the organization of the annual meeting and shall be an ex officio member of the Program Committee, shall chair the Society's annual Membership Committee, and perform such other duties as are assigned by the Executive Board.

III. CURRENT:

Article V. Organization. Section 2. Executive Board.

a. Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Society, its two immediate past Presidents, the Archivist/Historian, The Editor of the Journal, six additional members elected by the Society's membership, and a non-voting graduate student member.

b. Disciplines. Not counting the graduate student member, no more than six members of the Executive Board shall be specialists in the same scholarly discipline. The President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President shall represent at least two different disciplines, and in no case shall the discipline of the First Vice-President be the same as that of the Second Vice-President.

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b. Disciplines. Not counting the graduate student member, no more than five members of the Executive Board shall be specialists in the same scholarly discipline. The President and Vice-President shall represent two different disciplines.

IV. CURRENT:

Article V. Organization. Section 4. Tenure.

The terms of office of the President and Vice-Presidents shall be one year, of the Secretary and Treasurer four years, and of the other members of the Executive Board three years, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected. [...] In case of the resignation or termination for any other reason of the term of office of any of the officers or members of the Executive Board, the Board shall select a replacement to complete the unexpired term created thereby. The President, in consultation with the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary and Treasurer, is empowered to fill any such vacancy, if necessary, prior to the next regular meeting of the Executive Board.

CHANGE TO:

Article V. Organization. Section 4. Tenure.

The terms of office of the President and Vice-President shall be two years, of the Secretary and Treasurer four years, and of the other members of the Executive Board three years, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected. [...] In case of the resignation or termination for any other reason of the term of office of any of the officers or members of the Executive Board, the Board shall select a replacement to complete the unexpired term created thereby. The President, in

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consultation with the Vice-President and the Secretary and Treasurer, is empowered to fill any such vacancy, if necessary, prior to the next regular meeting of the Executive Board.

V. CURRENT:

Article VI. Committees and Appointive Officers

Section 1. Standing Committees. The following standing committees shall be created by appointment of the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee: (a) Membership Committee, (b) Percy Adams Article Prize Committee. The size and composition of these committees shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board, but no member shall serve on the same committee more than three years consecutively. The function of the Membership Committee shall be the promotion of membership in the Society, and of the Percy Adams Article Prize Committee the selection of the winner or winners of the Society's annual article prize competition.

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Article VI. Committees and Appointive Officers

Section 1. Standing Committees. The following standing committees shall be created by appointment of the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee: (a) Membership Committee, (b) Percy Adams Article Prize

Committee, (c) Graduate Prize Committee. The size and composition of these committees shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board, but no member shall serve on the same committee more than three years consecutively. The function of the Membership Committee shall be the promotion of membership in the Society; of the Percy Adams Article Prize Committee the selection of the winner or winners of the Society's annual article prize competition; and of the Graduate Prize Committee, the selection of the winners of the Society's various awards to graduate students.

VI. CURRENT:

Article VII. Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Society, with a program of scholarly papers, addresses, panels, or symposia, shall be organized by the President, with the assistance of the First Vice President and the Program and Local Arrangements Committees.

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OLD BUSINESS: SEASECS BUSINESS MEETING FEBRUARY 16TH, 2008 MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 A.M. on February 16th, 2008 at Auburn University.

Minutes: The SEASECS Membership approved the Minutes of the 2007 Business Meeting and also the 2008-2009 Slate of Officers:

President: Mary McAlpin

First Vice President: Martha Bowden

Second Vice President: Joe Johnson

Treasurer: Dan Ennis

Members at large: Saralyn DeSmet (French) and Patty Hamilton (English)

Linda Szilagyi: Membership approved a special thanks given to Linday Szilagyi for her work as Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report: Board received similar report as presented to Executive Board.

The Treasurer reported a closing balance of \$26,042.45 as of the meeting. Again, this figure notes a loss of -\$3,577.41, but this is a misleading figure due to the conference registrations not being a part of the figure.

The ASECS Fund as of the previous June totaled \$15,881, with Total Cash on Hand at \$11,426.76. This drop was due to loss of registrations from 2007 joint conference with ASECS.

SEASECS Journal: Spencer noted that this the current issue is the 5th issue of the journal, and its finest to date. Spencer reiterated call for institutional support, and noted that departments will frequently offer institutional support as well; this would be another way to avoid "subscribing" to another journal. The editorial board of journal has decided to wait a few years before pursuing online publication; JSTOR may be agreeable to including journal in its database at that time.

2009 Meeting: DeRochi announced that two plenary speakers had already been contracted for conference, including Barry Bauguess, one of the foremost baroque trumpet player in the United States. DeRochi reiterated, once again, that conference is not being held on Winthrop's campus, so membership should plan on attending specific event that will be offered Friday evening at Winthrop.

Increase in dues: Motion was made and approved to raise SEASECS membership dues to \$30 to cover increase in expenditures for Graduate Student stipends.

Annual Financial Report: Approved to be posted annually at years end.

Endowment Committee: Membership was informed of formation of endowment committee to explore future endowments by members for support of journal.

SEASECS Listserv: Martha Bowden will investigate potential for membership listserv, so as to distribute news to members more efficiently.

By-laws: A motion was made and approved to form a committee, as determined by Mary McAlpin, to revisit terms of President to possible extend term to two years and other offices as necessary.

Motion of thanks was made and approved for the great work of Paula Backscheider as organizer of 2008 Conference and Kay Doig, the outgoing SEASECS President.



SEE YOU IN
CHARLOTTE!

