

Ibero-American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

Business Meeting Minutes

2021 ASECS Virtual Meeting

April 8, 2021, 2:50pm

Present: Valentina Tikoff, Elena Deanda, Betsy Lewis, Enid Valle, Catherine Jaffe, David Gies, Yvonne Fuentes, Pamela Phillips, Natasha Staller, Karen Stolley, Hazel Gold, David Slade, Sam Krieg, Xena Fitzgerald, Marisol Barbón, Shifra Amron, Renee Gutiérrez

Visitor: Rivka Swenson, ASECS Affiliates Coordinator

I. Welcome from 2020 IASECS President, Valentina Tikoff

II. Secretary-Treasurer's Report (See attached), Betsy Lewis

Betsy also announced the donation to the Shirley Bill fund in honor of David Gies, as well as his nomination for the ASECS Graduate Student Caucus Mentorship award.

III. Report on IASECS prizes and grants, Enid Valle

There were no entries for the essay prize this year, and no requests for travel grants, since there was no travel. Karen Stolley will join Enid to work on announcing the prize more widely. It was suggested that a visual announcement to publish in each issue of *Dieciocho* might help.

A motion was made to increase both the essay prize and the travel grant to up to \$500 each, which passed unanimously.

IV. Elections. Due to the difficulties of voting in the virtual meeting format, a motion was made to postpone elections of new IASECS leadership and to keep current officers until the 2022 ASECS meeting in Baltimore, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment at 3:30pm

Brainstorming Session for Baltimore 2022, April 10, 2021

Important Deadlines:

- April 23rd for IASECS guaranteed session
- Other panels May 15th

Ideas for panels discussed:

- Trial by Combat: Duel by Pen and Sword (Yvonne Fuentes)
- Enlightened Sensorium (Elena) to include more than IASECS
- Language, territoriality, and power. Coordinate with another society? Race and Empire? (Karen Stolley and Cathy Jaffe to be proposed as our official IASECS session)
- Port Cities and Infrastructure (Valentina or Karen?)
- North and South in the 18th Century (Hazel)
- Out of the Shadow: Other Gothic Traditions (Kathleen Fueger)
- Issues of translation, maybe pre-circulate papers to facilitate (more innovative session) Valentina and Clorinda. Elena suggest use of Padlet
- Women working, women at work (Betsy)
- Representations of corpses in the 18th century (Karissa)
- Hispanists here to help workshop on course design (Renee Gutiérrez, Karen Stolley, and Adela Ramos)

Other items discussed:

Would like to suggest to the programming committee to encourage more than one linguistic tradition represented in a session.

Enid needs help with essay prize. Valenina, Karen, Betsy will help

Concern about “graying” of our group/discipline. David Slade, Karissa Bushman, and Elena Deanda will work to reach out to early scholars. Ideas of reaching out to grad student caucus, other organizations (MLA) and 19th/early modern groups. Kathleen brought up idea of thematic studies, feminist studies, that don't just focus on a time period.

Idea of going to other conferences such as MLA. David Gies and Madeline encourage us to participate in AIH to reach specialists in other periods, younger scholars, scholars from around the world.

Idea of having a virtual panels? Study group over Zoom? Betsy and Valentina will set up a Zoom meeting for the membership to discuss for mid-May, ahead of session proposal deadline.

IASECS Financial Report 2019 and 2020

2019

Beginning Balance January 2019: \$3797.55

Monies collected January 1-December 31, 2019:

- Paypal: \$586.00
 - \$300 in dues from 14 regular memberships and 2 graduate student memberships
 - \$286 in IASECS donations
- Checks: \$220
 - \$100 dues from 5 regular memberships
 - \$120 in IASECS donations

Expenditures:

- Paypal fees \$21.81
- Essay prize and Graduate Student Travel Grant (Sam Krieg): \$700.00
- Webpage hosting \$30.00

Ending Balance 12/31/2019: \$3851.74

2020

Beginning Balance January 2020: \$3851.74

Monies collected January 1-December 31, 2020

- Paypal: \$1213
 - \$320 from 16 regular memberships
 - \$293 in IASECS donations
 - \$505 special donation to ASECS Shirley Bill Fund in honor of David Gies
- Checks: \$297.05
 - \$120 from 6 regular membership
 - \$65 in IASECS donations
 - \$112.05 special donation to ASECS Shirley Bill Fund in honor of David Gies

Expenditures:

- Paypal fees \$42.39
- Essay prize (Alex Chaparro) \$300.00
- Webpage hosting \$30.00
- Donation to ASECS Shirley Bill Fund \$600.00

Ending balance 12/31/2020: \$4389.40