

# Minutes of the Business Meeting Charles Sanders Peirce Society 28 December 1998

Following the annual scholarly meeting, with the Presidential Address from Israel Scheffler ("A Plea for Plurealism"), and papers by Peter Skagestad ("Peirce's Inkstand as an Embodiment of Mind") and the Society's Essay Contest winner, Jeffrey Kasser ("Peirce's Supposed Psychologism"), President Scheffler called the meeting to order at about 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the 1997 Business Meeting were approved as published in the Summer issue of the *Transactions*.
2. President Scheffler reported that the Society's session at the 20th World Congress of Philosophy in Boston in August went extremely well. Peter Hare chaired a double session, at which Cornelis de Waal and Mark Migotti presented during the first two hours, and Andrew Reynolds and the 1997 Essay Contest winner, Sami Pihlstrom, during the second two hours. Christopher Hookway responded to all four papers, and both sessions were well attended. President Scheffler also remarked on the continued high quality of many of the essay contest submissions, and noted that a plaque had been put up at one of Peirce's family residences in Cambridge.
3. Peter Hare reported that in 1998 the *Transactions* had a total of 514 subscribers/members (395 domestic, 119 foreign). Of 66 papers submitted, 28 were rejected, 28 were accepted, and 10 are pending. The bank balance is \$6824.83. Work continues on the cumulative index. A time consuming administrative appointment means delay.

4. Mark Migotti delivered the following financial report.

1998 income was \$2,041.99 (\$1,542.00 in membership dues, and \$499.99 in interest).

1998 expenditures were \$3,345.71 (\$423.71 for mailings, \$500.00 for the Essay Contest Prize, \$400 in subventions for speakers at Society sponsored events, \$22.00 for dinner for the Essay Contest winner, and a \$2,000 donation to the Peirce Edition Project, which was matched by an NEH challenge.

As of the 31st of December, the Society's assets totalled \$13,970.93 (\$5,719 in savings, \$12,182.15 in money market shares, and \$1,731.59 in

checking, a net loss of \$1,303.41 from last year. It is to be noted that if one subtracts the one-time donation to the Edition Project, the Society would have once again recorded a healthy surplus.

5. Nathan Houser delivered the following report on the Peirce Edition Project.

1998 has been one of the best years ever for the Peirce Edition Project. It was the first year in a long time during which we had a full production staff in place — and it is an excellent staff. Volume 2 of the *Essential Peirce*, which was published in the spring, provided the training necessary for the new staff members we hired in 1997, and since then we have been making good progress with volumes 6 through 10 of the chronological edition — being careful to keep up with our NEH work plan. W6 will be published in late Spring of 1999 and vols. 8, 9, and 10 are on track for completion in one-year intervals after that. Volume 7, which will be devoted to Peirce's work for the *Century Dictionary*, will be a special volume to be completed out of sequence at some later time. This production schedule depends, of course, on continuing funding at present levels. Our current NEH grant expires at the end of June and we will not know for three or four months whether we will receive new funding. If we aren't successful, our production schedule will have to be significantly cut back.

There are some staff changes I want to report. André De Tienne, who many of you know, was put on tenure track this year as an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at IUPUI. He was also promoted to Associate Editor for the critical edition. Cornelis de Waal joined our editorial staff as a Post-Doctoral Fellow and has an appointment as Adjunct Assistant Professor of Philosophy. I also want to mention that Adam Kovach, a Project Research Associate successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation. At the level of school administration we have a new Dean. During the summer, Herman Saatkamp, Jr., editor of the George Santayana Edition, became Dean of our School of Liberal Arts. Next year he will move the Santayana Edition to Indianapolis. The Peirce Project and the Santayana Project held a joint reception at the World Congress in Boston. A third edition, the Frederick Douglass Papers, also moved to IUPUI's School of Liberal Arts. Together, these three editions form an unusual concentration, which is likely in the long run to work to the benefit of the Peirce Project. In the short run, however, it's uncertain what the impact will be. All three editions are funded by NEH and all three have applications pending.

1998 also saw the reconstitution of PEP's advisory board. The following members constitute the new board:

- John D. Barlow, Professor of English & German and former Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, IUPUI.
- Lucia Santaella Braga, Professor of Semiotic, Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Joseph L. Brent, Professor Emeritus of Intellectual History, University of the District of Columbia
- Arthur W. Burks, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, University of Michigan
- Vincent Colapietro, Professor of Philosophy, Penn State University
- Don L. Cook, Professor Emeritus of English, Indiana University
- Joseph Dauben, Professor of History of Science, CUNY
- Gérard Deledalle, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Semiotics, University of Perpignan, France
- Randall Dipert, Professor of Philosophy & English, United States Military Academy, West Point
- Umberto Eco, Professor of Semiotics, University of Bologna, Italy
- John Gallman, Director, Indiana University Press
- Susan Haack, Professor of Philosophy, University of Miami (Florida)
- Karen Hansen, Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University
- Peter Hare, Professor of Philosophy, SUNY at Buffalo
- Robert H. Hirst, Director, Mark Twain Project, University of California at Berkley
- Christopher Hookway, Professor of Philosophy, University of Sheffield, England
- Paul Nagy, Professor of Philosophy, IUPUI
- Klaus Oehler, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Hamburg, Germany
- Helmut Pape, Professor of Philosophy, University of Hannover, Germany
- Hilary Putnam, Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University
- Don D. Roberts, Chair, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Waterloo, Ontario
- Richard Robin, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Mount Holyoke College
- Sandra Rosenthal, Professor of Philosophy, Loyola University
- Israel Scheffler, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy & Education, Harvard University
- Thomas A. Sebeok, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Linguistics & Anthropology, Indiana University
- Thomas L. Short, Professor of Philosophy, Titusville, NJ
- William A. Stanley, Chief Historian, Retired, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Paul Weiss, Sterling Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Yale University

In April, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board recommended that PEP establish an official research center to house the edition and to serve as an international center for Peirce scholarship. Such a center is expected to help with fund raising and, also, to continue to make PEP resources available to scholars after the edition is completed. This business is in process.

I want to thank all of you who have helped with \$67,000 of \$80,000 we had to match — which leaves only about \$13,000 to be raised by March.

6. The Nominating Committee, consisting of consisting of Susan Haack, Nathan Houser, and Lesley Friedman as Chair, proposed for Vice President, to succeed Joseph Ransdell, Karl-Otto Apel and for a three-year term on the Executive Committee, to succeed Lesley Friedman, André De Tienne, and for a second three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer (a term which actually began in 1998), Mark Migotti. The slate was seconded and approved unanimously.

7. There was no Old Business.

8. It was moved by Nathan Houser and seconded by Mark Migotti that Joseph Brent be invited to chair a revived Arisbe Committee.

9. Outgoing President Scheffler introduced incoming President Joseph Ransdell who adjourned the meeting at about 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Mark Migotti  
Secretary-Treasurer