
Minutes of the Business Meeting

Charles Sanders Peirce Society

28 December 2000

Following the annual scholarly meeting, with the Presidential Address from Karl-Otto Apel ("In Defence of Peirce's Theory of Realism and Truth") and a paper by the Society's essay contest winner, Menno Hulswit ("Semeiotic and the Cement of the Universe") President Apel called the meeting to order at about 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the 1999 Business Meeting were approved as published in the Fall issue of the *Transactions*.
2. President Apel asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the deaths of Carolyn Eisele and Charles Hartshorne.
3. Peter Hare reported that there are 495 members/subscribers, 392 domestic and 103 foreign. After some discussion with Secretary/Treasurer Mark Migotti about the decline in members in recent years, we introduced a special rate for students/retired/unemployed of \$20. In 2000 63 papers were submitted, 26 were accepted, 29 were rejected, and 8 are pending. The bank balance is \$9865.43.
4. Nathan Houser delivered a preliminary version of the following financial report for Mark Migotti:
2000 income was \$ 2,176.71 (\$1,485 in membership dues and c. \$691.71 in interest).
2000 expenditures were c. \$ 2,742.52 (\$1,400 for President Karl Otto Apel's trip to New York to give his Presidential Address, \$611.32 for mailings; \$500 for the essay contest prize; a \$100 travel subvention for winner of the essay contest prize; \$39.56 for dinner for the essay contest winner, \$ 40 for a Society membership for the financially strapped Centro Interamericano de Semiótica Peirce, Ediciones Castellanas (CISPES) of Buenos Aires.), and \$1.00 bank charge from the Indiana Federal Credit Union (applied in error and to be refunded next year).

As of December 31, 2000 the Society's assets were: \$13,776.51, a decrease of

\$556.88 from last year. The breakdown of the assets is: \$58.75 in savings, \$282.48 in checking, and \$13,435.28 in a money market account.

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

Overall, it has been another good year for the Peirce Edition Project. Volume 6 was published early in the spring and reached sales of over 600 copies by August. We expect to finish Volume 8 by the end of 2001, and I think I can say with confidence that it will be an exciting volume. And we continue our advance work on Volumes 9 and 10. I've reported before that Volume 7, which will be devoted to Peirce's definitions for the *Century Dictionary*, will be produced out of order.

We may suffer some delays this summer because of a renovation to the air circulation system in the building we occupy. We may have to work in temporary quarters for as long as four months — but with careful advance planning we hope to avoid serious setbacks.

On a different front, we are exploring the possibility of working with teams of scholars in Hannover, Germany, and in Montreal, to set up satellite operations devoted to special volumes of the Chronological Edition. The group in Germany, led by Helmut Pape, has already developed a detailed plan and is presently seeking funding. The Montreal group, led by François Latraverse, is not quite as advanced in its planning, but is equally serious in purpose. I hope to have more to report on this next year.

Indiana University Press has reached an agreement with the Intelix Corporation to produce an electronic edition of the critical edition. The initial CD-ROM will include the first six volumes and will be periodically updated after that. It is not yet settled who will be the electronic editor.

In March the Peirce Project received the library and papers of Carolyn Eisele. This marks a very significant addition to our resources.

2000 was another NEH application year. On 1 September we submitted a new application for funding for the two years from Nov. 2001 through Oct. 2003. Of course we have high hopes that we will be awarded a grant to continue our work, but I think most of you know that the present NEH administration, let by Mr. Ferris, has put the scholarly editions on notice. It is not clear what the change from a Democratic to a Republican government will mean. We will have to wait and see. But it is clear, as it has been for some time, that the Peirce Edition Project must find a way to complete its work supported mainly from private funding. We have made great strides toward that end and in the coming year you will all learn how we are hoping to make this work. I want to thank those of you who have already lent your support and your dollars — and also those of you who wrote strong letters to NEH endorsing continued funding for the editions.

Let me conclude by reporting that my staff is simply first rate. We are extremely fortunate to have such a fine collection of scholars and specialists in place in Indianapolis. (One of the editors, Dr. Albert Lewis, is here

tonight, for his first Society meeting.)

6. Nathan Houser, on behalf of absent Secretary/Treasurer Mark Migotti, proposed that this Society and the Santayana Society host a joint reception at next year's Eastern Division APA Meeting. This suggestion was warmly received.
7. The nominating committee, consisting of Susan Haack (chair), Cornelis DeWaal, and Mark Migotti proposed Gérard Deledalle for Vice President to succeed Umberto Eco, and Robert Lane for a three year term on the executive committee to replace James Liszka, whose term is ending. The slate was seconded and approved unanimously.
8. There was no Old or New Business.
9. Outgoing President Apel introduced incoming President Eco *in absentia* and adjourned the meeting at around 7.30 p.m.