
Minutes of the Business Meeting Charles Sanders Peirce Society 28 December 2002

Following the annual scholarly meeting, with papers by Gérard Deledalle, "Peirce's Categories: Why They Have to be Hierarchical" (read *in absentia*, by André De Tienne), and Mathias Girel, winner of the Essay Contest, "The Metaphysics and Logic of Psychology: Peirce's Reading of James's *Principles*", Secretary-Treasurer Migotti called the meeting to order at about 7:15 p.m.

1. The minutes of the 2001 Business Meeting were approved as published in the Fall 2002 issue of the *Transactions*.

2. Mark Migotti delivered the following report on behalf of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee would like to thank Bob Lane for taking over the design and maintenance of the Society's Web site, and also John Shook for generously making available to Bob the files from the Society site that he had been maintaining previously. A committee to review the Society's constitution was appointed, chaired by Nathan Houser, with Mark Migotti and André DeTienne as members. And a decision was made to contribute to the preservation of the Cuddleback book, which contains original letters written to Peirce and was bound by him. The Society and the Edition Project will together aid the Pike County Historical Society in the effort to preserve the book. The Society will pay half of the cost up to a maximum of \$2,500. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Thomas Sebeok and Paul Weiss, who died in the interval between the last general meeting and the present one.

3. Peter Hare delivered the following report on the *Transactions*:

In 2002 we have 502 subscribers (393 domestic, 109 foreign). The bank balance as of December 28 is \$15,284.45. Notable this year was the publication of a double issue (Winter/Spring) in honor of our retiring co-editor, Richard S. Robin.

4. Mark Migotti delivered a preliminary version of the following financial report:

2002 income was \$1,782.15 (\$1,504 in membership dues and \$273.15 in

interest).

2002 expenditures were c. \$1,791.82 (\$463.72 for mailings; \$550 for a travel subventions for the essay contest winner, \$500 for the essay contest prize; \$150 for an overhead projector for one of the talks at the meeting, \$83.10 for dinner for the essay contest winner, and \$45 for a Society membership for the financially strapped Centro Interamericano de Semiótica Peirce, Ediciones Castellanas (CISPES) of Buenos Aires.

As of December 31, 2002 the Society's assets were: \$13,510.35 a decrease of \$9.67 from last year. The breakdown of the assets is: \$62.35 in savings, \$231.51 in checking, and \$13, 216.49 in a money market account.

The 2001 financial report should be corrected as follows: 2001 expenditures were \$2,239.26, not \$2,129.18; the cost of mailings was \$694.23, not \$594.26; assets as of December 31, 2001 were \$13, 535.02, not \$13,635.02, a decrease of \$241.49 from the end of 2000, not \$141.49.

5. Tom Short delivered the following report, composed by Nathan Houser, on the Peirce Edition Project:

2002 has gone by quickly and without the publication of W8. We have, however, made good progress with our transcription and production systems and we continue to believe that these advances will soon yield more visible results (in particular, an accelerated pace of publication). When you finally hold W8 in your hands, I am confident you will agree that it is one of the most important volumes in the whole series. The Latraverse group in Quebec continues to work on W7, the *Century Dictionary* volume — they await the outcome of their most recent grant proposal to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

In a letter I recently sent to members of the board, I remarked on how evident it has become to me that really great tasks call for cooperation across generations. I am extremely pleased to report on a development that will enable the Peirce Project to continue as a multi-generational endeavor. Last year, I announced that André De Tienne was about to receive tenure in the Philosophy Department at IUPUI and that I was hopeful that Cornelis de Waal would be given a tenure-track appointment. André is now tenured and Cornelis has been offered an appointment as Assistant Professor on the tenure track. It is my understanding that the offer for Cornelis has been carried to Philadelphia by Dean Herman Saatkamp and that tomorrow evening Cornelis will sign the offer. I can report, further, that Luise Morton, our principal research associate and proofreading coordinator, has been appointed as a permanent senior lecturer in philosophy, and will continue working for PEP at only a slightly reduced work load. These long hoped for developments should bring you confidence that our work on the edition, and in building a lasting center for Peirce scholarship, will be carried on into the future and toward the success we have all worked hard to insure. This is a tribute to Max Fisch and Ed Moore, who started this project —

and it is, in a way, a tribute to Josiah Royce who brought Peirce's manuscripts to Harvard in 1915 to be organized and edited.

Last year I reported that we had just received a new NEH award for \$100,000 plus \$25,000 in matching funds. We have raised about \$17,000 toward the matching funds goal, but we have to raise the remaining \$8,000 by July. We already have another NEH application in the works and will find out the outcome in the spring.

I will conclude by mentioning a development that will be more fully described in a forthcoming newsletter. IUPUI is about to launch an Institute for American Thought which will bring together several university units including the Peirce, Santayana, and Douglass editions. At the heart of the Institute will be a research center that will make available the resources of the editions. There will be three associated academic programs: one is an undergraduate program in American Studies, another is a graduate level certificate program in professional editing, and the third is a Master's level philosophy concentration in American philosophy. Our hope is that the Institute and the associated academic programs will support the Peirce Project by relieving us of some activities that are not directly related to producing volumes for the chronological edition and, also, by serving as a source of prospective research and editorial associates.

I am very sorry to report that we lost two members of our board in 2002: Tom Sebeok and Paul Weiss. One new member was added: Jaime Nubiola of the University of Navarre.

6. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jim Liszka, with Vince Colapietro, Andrew Reynolds and Rosa Mayorga as members, put forward Doug Anderson as candidate for Vice-President, to succeed Nathan Houser, and Cornelis DeWaal to succeed Cheryl Misak on the Executive Committee. The Committee's nominees were accepted. In fact, since Doug Anderson must leave his Executive Committee post in order to take over the vice presidency, Cheryl Misak has kindly agreed to serve an extra year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45, and incoming President Houser closed with the following remarks:

I would like to thank Gérard Deledalle for his service as president and to congratulate him on becoming a Fellow of the Society. I want to thank all of you for taking an interest in the business of the society. The Charles S. Peirce Society is one of the oldest societies associated with the APA. I encourage you to help carry on the work of the Society and to help improve our effectiveness in furthering our purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Migotti
Secretary-Treasurer