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# Minutes of the Business Meeting

## Charles Sanders Peirce Society

### 28 December 2004

Following the annual scholarly meeting, with papers by Douglas Anderson, "Who is a Pragmatist? Peirce, Royce, and Dewey at the Turn of the Century", Cathy Legg, "Making it Explicit and Clear", and John Kaag, winner of the essay contest, "The Continuity of Inheritance: Kant's *Critique of Judgment* and the Work of C. S. Peirce", President Anderson called the meeting to order at about 7: 05 p.m. in the Nantucket Room of the Boston Marriott Copley Place.

1. Since the Minutes of the 2003 Business Meeting had not yet been published, their approval was postponed until the 2005 ABM.

2. Since the Executive Committee was not able to meet until nine o'clock the morning after the ABM, the following report from the President was not delivered in person, but was prepared after the fact.

The President and Executive Committee reported that:

Efforts for a planning committee for an international congress marking the centennial of CSP's death in 2014, along with high-profile honorary figures, ought to be undertaken now. The countries to be represented on the committee should include: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Russia, UK, & of course USA.

A committee, headed by André De Tienne, should be established to oversee the archives, beginning with establishing rules for access to the archives. Strong sentiment was expressed regarding granting the Executive Committee the authority to allow such access.

Support for limiting the length of submissions for the Peirce Essay Contest to 25 pages (300 words per page) was voiced.

The possibility of having Vincent Colapietro's "Introducing Peirce to His Neighbors" made available at Pike County Historical Society in Milford, PA, was explored.

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

In 2004 there were 508 member/subscribers (409 domestic; 99 foreign). This is a welcome but modest increase over the last several years. The bank Balance as of December 20 was \$14,504. Notable this year was the publishing, with the help of Nathan Houser and many others, of a memorial notice about Frederic Harold Young, the Society's founder, who died in 2003. Members will, I think, be interested in the account of how the Society began as well as the story of Young's life. The mailing problems that I have mentioned in previous reports became more severe this year. The summer issue, in which the article just mentioned appeared, has been a postal nightmare. The good news is that we have completely overhauled our mailing arrangements. With any luck, mailing will go smoothly in coming years.

4. André De Tienne delivered for Mark Migotti a preliminary version of the following financial report:

2004 income was \$1,665.60 (\$1,524 in membership dues and \$141.60 in interest). 2004 expenditures were \$3870.63 (\$2,500 for the preservation of Peirce's Cuddeback book, \$500 for the essay contest prize, \$462.78 for travel subventions for the contest winner; \$189.45 for mailings; \$83.40 for web-site fees; \$75 dues to the Logic and Methodology section of the International Society for the Philosophy of Science, and \$60.00 for a subsidized membership for CISPEC).

As of December 31, 2004, the Society's assets were: \$10,900.65, a decrease of \$2,205.03 from last year. The breakdown of the assets is: \$554.52 in checking, \$10,322.17 in a money-market account, and \$63.41 in savings. It is to be noted that if we set aside the substantial contribution to the Cuddeback Book, we would have had a surplus of about \$295, which would have been fine.

All in all, the Society remains in good financial health.

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

Last year I reported that an Institute for American Thought had been established in the School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI to consolidate the School's scholarly editions around a separate but integral research center featuring the Max H. Fisch Library. We were then searching for a new Dean for the School of Liberal Arts, following the departure of Herman Saatkamp for Richard Stockton College, where he had assumed the presidency, and I was unsure how the Peirce Project and the new Institute would fare during the transition. I am pleased to report that a new dean is now in place, Robert W. White, a

sociologist, and that he seems to be quite supportive of our work and of our activities. I also announced last year that our philosophy department was about to launch a master's program with a concentration in American philosophy. So far this has gone well and has already brought two students into the Peirce Project as graduate assistants.

I had expected to be able to tell you tonight how the Peirce Edition had found its fit within the Institute but, as these things go in academia, it's still too early to tell. Early last summer, starting in May, we began packing up the Peirce Project to move into a different building with the rest of the Institute. After 20 years in the same suite, with hundreds of linear feet of books and at least 200 file drawers full of documents — not to mention book shelves, desks, computers, and so on — this was a big and intrusive operation. We expected the move to take place in July but we were packed and waiting for our new space to be vacated for three months before finally getting to move the last week of September — and only last week were we finally able to fully occupy our new quarters. So it remains to be seen how beneficial the new set up will be for PEP's operations — but it looks promising. So far so good.

We were able to keep some productive editorial activity going on W8 during this long period of interruptions and, I'm pleased to say, that important volume is about ready for the press. The main work of the Edition in Indianapolis has now shifted to W9. Excellent progress has also been made in Montreal on W7 (Peirce's *Century Dictionary* definitions) and in Germany on the volume that will contain Peirce's 1903 Lowell Lectures.

I want to report two important promotions. Starting at the beginning of the New Year, André De Tienne will become the Associate Director of the Peirce Project and Cornelis de Waal will become Associate Editor. Cornelis was recently appointed Production Manager for the Edition.

Once again, we have a grant application pending with NEH. We'll find out in a few weeks if we'll be funded in 2006. In the meantime, as usual, we continue trying to meet the matching component of our previous NEH award — we still have to raise almost \$25,000 by the end of July. I want to thank those of you who have contributed to the Peirce Edition over the years. We depend on your support.

Finally, I'm glad to report that the Cuddeback Letter Book project was successfully completed and Charles Siebert returned the preserved original to the Pike County Historical Society. This preservation project was jointly sponsored by the Society and the Peirce Project.

6. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Nathan Houser, with Lesley Friedman and Paul Forster as members, put forward Joseph Brent as candidate for Vice President, to succeed Vincent Colapietro, and Robert Meyers for a three-year term on the Executive Committee, succeeding Cornelis De Waal. The nominations were accepted by acclamation.

7. Charls Pearson reported on an upcoming Peirce Colloquium to be held in conjunction with the 2005 SAAP Meeting in Bakersfield, CA, on his recent work on behalf of Peirce and semiotics in China, and issued a call for book donations to Chinese universities.

8. There was no new business.

Nathan Houser moved that the Society express its thanks to outgoing president Anderson. The motion was seconded by Charls Pearson and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by incoming President Vincent Colapietro.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Migotti, Secretary-Treasurer