

Following the annual scholarly meeting, with papers by President Vincent Colapietro, "Reflective Acknowledgment and Practical Identity: Kant and Peirce on the Reflexive Stance" and Essay Contest winner Shannon Dea, "'Merely a Veil over the Living Thought': Math and Logic in Peirce's Forgotten Spinoza Review," President Colapietro called the meeting to order shortly after 7 o'clock in Concourse B of the New York Hilton.

1. The minutes of the 2003 and 2004 meetings, published in the Fall, 2004, and Summer 2005 Transactions respectively, were approved.

2. Vincent Colapietro delivered the following report from the President and Executive Committee:

André De Tienne's proposal to adopt the address of the Institute for American Thought at IUPUI as the official address of the Peirce Society was accepted.

It was agreed that announcements for the Peirce Essay Contest should be placed in the *Transactions* and in other appropriate publications (e.g. *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy* and the S.A.A.P. newsletter) by mid-year if possible. It was also agreed that some length limits should be set for submitted essays and that there should be a requirement that essays meet the general standard of a submission for publication in a journal.

There was discussion of the desirability of separating the collection of membership dues from subscription to the *Transactions*. The chief reasons for thinking that this separation might be called for are 1) the increasing availability of the *Transactions* through university library electronic subscriptions and 2) the higher cost of foreign subscriptions (making membership in the Society far most costly for foreign members). It was decided to revisit this issue in a year or two (after the new arrangement with IU Press has become more settled).

Vincent Colapietro, Mark Migotti, and Nathan Houser were appointed to serve as a "meta" committee to form, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a "regular" committee to organize the 2014 Peirce World Congress. They will also recommend a chair for the committee and a location for the congress. Indianapolis was favored by members present.

It was agreed that a list of rules and procedures for conducting Society business should be drawn up for the guidance of new Society office holders. These lists will include the rules and procedures for fulfilling the functions of the various offices, for running meetings, time-tables for making decisions, and so on. N. Houser will work on this with André Tienne and Mark Migotti to draft these lists.

It was agreed that the outgoing Chair of the Nominating Committee should communicate with the incoming Chair a list of the candidates who were considered but not nominated, along with the basis for consideration.

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

Starting with the fall issue, the *Transactions* is being published by Indiana University Press. Editorial arrangements are unchanged. Although the transition has been time-consuming in the short run, the new publishing arrangements promise in the long run to increase greatly the journal's impact on the world of scholarship. This year has also been difficult because a key staff member in our previous publishing arrangements failed us. In 2005 we had 499 member/subscribers (406 domestic and 93 foreign). The bank balance is \$4008.

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

2005 income was \$1,713.05 (\$1,497 in membership dues and \$216.05 in interest). 2005 expenditures were c. \$1,987.40: (\$500 for the essay contest prize, \$550 for travel subvention and dinner for the contest winner; 674.40 for mailings; \$128.40 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, 2005, the Society's assets were: \$10,625.92, a decrease of \$.274.75 from last year. The breakdown of the asset is: \$2,174.29 in checking, 8,537.32 in a money-market account, and \$64.31 in savings.

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

I reported last year that we had an application pending with NEH. I'm glad to report that we received funding for two more years, November 2005 through October 2007. Thanks to everyone who helped us with our NEH match for the grant that just expired—but of course now we have to raise funds for a new match for the new grant.

Last year I also reported that we had just moved to new quarters, along with the Santayana Edition and the Frederick Douglass Papers, as part of the Institute for American Thought. This change has resulted in more space and a better organization for the Peirce Project, which bodes well for the future, but we will not benefit fully from this move until the Institute is able to begin operating its research center on a day-to-day basis. The Institute's research center, including the Max H. Fisch Library, is the key resource for the Peirce Project as well as for the visitors who come to Indianapolis to pursue Peirce studies. Progress is underway toward establishing a management unit and a regular operating schedule for the research center but cost remains an issue.

Getting settled into our new space and working out our new organizational structures slowed work on Volume 8, but I'm glad to report that, except for the introduction and index, it is now in printer's copy (it is available for perusal at the Indiana University Press booth in the Book Exhibit). Work in Indianapolis continues full force on Volume 9, which is moving ahead nicely. Work on Volume 7 is progressing well in Montreal under the supervision of François Latraverse, and Helmut Pape informed me last week that he is spending his mornings reading technical transcriptions of the 1903 Lowell Lectures that will appear in Volume 22, the volume he is supervising.

On the staffing front, in January we will be loosing Kelly Tully-Needler, our Assistant Textual Editor. She is finishing her graduate program at IUPUI and will be leaving Indianapolis. We are working on a reorganization of our editorial staff in cooperation with the Santayana Edition to make more efficient use of the editing talent at the Institute, and that might take up the slack that will result from Kelly's departure, but this is still up in the air. I'll report how we resolve this at the meeting next year. Fortunately, our new American philosophy master's program has attracted some fine graduate students who are generally available for research assistantships; we are employing two at present. Finally, I'm very glad to report that Cornelis de Waal is going through the tenure and promotion process now and has passed all the hurdles so far with flying colors.

As a concluding note, it may be of interest that of the thirteen foreign Fulbright Scholars in the United States to study philosophy, two came to the Institute to study Peirce: Ahti Pietarinen from Helsinki, a past winner of our Peirce Essay Competition, who is studying Peirce's logic and proof of pragmatism, and Vitaly Kiryushchenko from St. Petersburg, who has translated some of Peirce's writings into Russian and is now researching Peirce's life for a new biographical study.

6. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Nathan Houser, with James Liskza and Kelly Parker as members, proposed for Vice President (2006) to become President (2007): Lucia Santaella; and for the Executive Committee (2006 through 2008): Sami Pihlström. Both nominees were elected.

7. There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by incoming President Joseph Brent, who thanked Vincent Colapietro for his service.

Respectively submitted,
Mark Migotti, Secretary-Treasurer