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MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
CHARLES SANDERS PEIRCE SOCIETY
28 December 2006

Following the annual scholarly meeting with papers by President Joseph Brent, "Peirce and Mysticism", and essay contest winner Jerome Havenel, "Peirce's Clarifications on Continuity", President Brent called the meeting to order shortly after 7 o'clock in the Coolidge Room (Mezzanine Level) of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

1. A moment of silence was taken to remember Edward H. Madden and Christian J. W. Kloesel, and memorial statements were read by Peter Hare and Nathan Houser: *Edward H. Madden*. Ed died on November 25, 2006. He served as president of the Society in 1962–63 and before that as secretary-treasurer. With Edward C. Moore and Richard S. Robin, he was instrumental in founding the *Transactions*. In the community of Peirce scholars he is primarily known for his work on Peirce's philosophy of science and for his definitive book on the "boxing master" of the Metaphysical Club—Chauncey Wright. However, his publications spanned almost every major aspect of the American philosophical tradition as well as problems in contemporary philosophy of science. He authored or co-authored nine books, edited or co-edited five more books, and authored or coauthored more than one hundred articles and contributions to books. In 1991 the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy gave him the Herbert W. Schneider Award for lifetime achievements in the field. [For a detailed obituary, see *Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*, Vol. 80, No. 5, May 2007, pp. 169–170.] *Christian J. W. Kloesel*. Christian died in Indianapolis on December 15, 2006. Sixty-four years old, Christian was born in Breslau, Germany in 1942 and was educated in Germany and France before coming to the United States in the mid-sixties for graduate studies. He took a Master's degree, M.Phil, and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Kansas. Christian began his professional career in 1971 as an Assistant Professor of English at Texas Tech University. He started out as a medievalist but his skills with languages caught the attention of Kenneth Laine Ketner, who, in 1975, recruited him as a special assistant for the Institute for Studies in Pragmaticism. He soon turned his attention to Peircean themes and in 1976 was invited to IUPUI to join the English Department and to serve as Assistant Editor for the Peirce Edition Project. Christian was initially responsible for manuscript reorganization and annotation research but he worked his way through the ranks and in 1984, after Edward C. Moore's retirement, he was appointed Director of the Peirce Edition Project. After N. Fisch's second retirement a few

years later, Christian became chief editor for the Project. He was a key member or the leader of the editorial teams that produced the first five volumes of the Critical Edition and, with Houser, edited the first volume of the *Essential Peirce*. In 1993 he left the Peirce Project to resume his life as an English professor and served as English Department chair from 2001 until his retirement in July 2006. In 2005 he received the School of Liberal Arts' Outstanding Distinguished Faculty Award. We in the Peirce Society remember him, especially, as a long-standing Secretary-Treasurer of our Society (1982 and 1987–1994) and for his service as our President in 1984. We also recall that he helped organize the Peirce program at the 18th World Congress of Philosophy in Brighton (1988) and at the 19th in Moscow (1993), and several other Peirce-related programs at diverse semiotic conferences in the U.S. and abroad. Christian served as a reviewer for the *Transactions* and was a Fellow of the Peirce Society from 1985 until his death.

2. The minutes of 2005 meeting, published in the Summer 2006 *Transactions*, were approved.

3. Joseph Brent delivered the following report from the President and Executive Committee: Nathan Houser reported to the Executive Committee on the Rules and Procedures Committee's work to prepare a guide for new Society officers. It is expected that this work will be completed in the spring. The Committee agreed that the Society Archivist should serve as an ex officio member of all standing committees to maintain records of proceedings conducted by e-mail exchange (now the principal medium for business transactions). Felicia Kruse urged that guidelines be drawn up for business transactions conducted by electronic means and the Committee agreed but did not assign this responsibility to anyone present at the meeting. Houser gave a report for the Preliminary Organization Committee for the 2014 Peirce World Congress (Houser, Vincent Colapietro and Mark Migotti). The report was discussed and it was agreed that the 2014 Congress will be held in Indianapolis and that André De Tienne will be asked to chair the Planning and Program Committee. De Tienne will be asked to make recommendations to the Executive Committee for the membership of the Planning and Program Committee. The Preliminary Organization Committee offered to consult with De Tienne if he would find that helpful. Houser reminded the Executive Committee that arrangements will have to be underway soon for a congress of the magnitude of the Harvard Sesquicentennial Congress—and the 2014 congress is expected to be at least of that magnitude. Houser noted that the Peirce Foundation might be an appropriate vehicle for raising and managing funds for the 2014 Congress but any such arrangement will have to be approved by and worked out with the Foundation's President, Tom Short.

4. Peter Hare delivered the following report for the *Transactions*: I am pleased to report that Cornelis de Waal has joined the editorial staff

as associate editor. The financial status of the journal is less certain than we would like because we do not know whether Indiana University Press, at the end of our 3-year agreement, will continue to require payment of a publication fee, and if it does, whether the amount will be changed. It is also possible that the Press will start paying a royalty to the Society. Renegotiation will be necessary at the end of the third fiscal year in the contract. The world of scholarly journal publishing is changing so rapidly that predictions are difficult.

5. Nathan Houser delivered for Mark Migotti a preliminary version of the following financial report: 2006 income was c. \$4,482.35 (\$2,225.00 in membership dues; \$2,000.00 anonymous donation, for which the Society is deeply grateful; \$257.35 in interest). 2006 expenditures were \$7,052.71 (\$5600 to Indiana University Press, as per the publication agreement for the *Transactions*; \$500 for the essay contest prize; \$300 for travel subsidy and dinner for the contest winner; \$494.34 for FISP dues from 2003–6; \$83.40 for web-site fees; \$75 for International Society for the Philosophy of Science dues (Logic and Methodology section)). As of December 31, 2006, the Society's assets were \$8,052.56, a decrease of \$2,573.36 from last year. The breakdown of the assets is \$796.58 in checking, \$7,184.14 in a money-market account, and \$71.84 in savings.

6. Nathan Houser delivered the following report on the Peirce Edition Project: 2006 was a good productive year for the Peirce Edition Project even though no volume appeared in print. Volume 8 was finished some months ago except for the introduction and the index. The main text is in camera-ready copy and ready for the printer. I reported last year that W8 was in substantially the same state of completion but we made some significant improvements this year and I am glad to report that, after some administrative difficulties on the part of the Modern Languages Association, W8 has received their seal as an "approved scholarly edition." Among the interesting contents of W8 are Peirce's early *Monist* metaphysical papers, based on printer's copy texts discovered a few years ago at the Open Court in LaSalle, Illinois, and Peirce's long travel tale, "Embroidered Thessaly," a rare novelistic composition based on his own experiences in 1870. The main effort for several months has been devoted to Volume 9, for which the contents have been finalized and proofread against originals at Harvard and at Southern Illinois University, and the annotations are well in hand. W9 will include Peirce's 1892 Lowell Lectures on the History of Science and the most complete form of his Open Court "Critic of Arguments" series: It will also contain Peirce's first and most sustained writing on fallibilism. W9 has shaped up into one of the most attractive and philosophically exciting volumes in the chronological series. The Indianapolis editors are also working on Volume 11, Peirce's logic book entitled "How to Reason," but more commonly known as "The Grand Logic,"

and, as I reported last year, work on Volumes 7 and 22 is progressing in Montreal, under the supervision of Francois Latraverse, and in Germany, under the supervision of Helmut Pape. I will have a lot more to say about these efforts next year. Some administrative changes were made this year because of the increased administrative responsibilities of Nathan Houser, who directs the Institute for American Thought as well as the Peirce Edition Project, but also intended to prepare for a future shift in project leadership. General staff administration and some grant writing responsibilities have been shifted to Associate Director De Tienne and production management has been shifted to Associate Editor De Waal. Starting in 2009 you can anticipate hearing these reports from one of those gentlemen. Speaking of the future, I am delighted to report that last summer Cornelis de Waal was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure—thus bringing the number of tenured IUPUI philosophy professors with a substantial PEP assignment to three (including Houser and De Tienne). Also, on the staffing front, Diana Reynolds has been working full-time for the Project since October 2005 and has made a tremendous addition to our production team. Our Textual Editor, Jon Eller, has taken on some editing duties for the Santayana Edition and some general responsibilities for the Institute so, in consequence, we have acquired half of the time of David Spiech from the Santayana Edition. Other staffing positions remain stable; we could, however, put one additional assistant editor to very good use and will try to acquire funding for this. In November we began the second year of a two-year NEH grant. After consultations with our NEH program officer, we decided to request a no-cost one-year extension of our grant so that we would not have to apply for a new grant until next year. Maintaining our staff at its present level will require extra external support for 2008, but this decision will help us achieve our production goals, originally planned for a three-year cycle, and it will put us in a better position for grant renewal. It will also give us more time to raise the \$50,000 NEH match now needed by July, 08. As a final note, I will remind you that over the years the Peirce Edition Project has become a de facto research center and probably the major center for Peirce studies. Our Board of Advisors has long recommended that an official and permanent Peirce center be established in conjunction with the work of the Edition. This has become a virtual reality with the establishment of the Institute for American Thought. Recently we have applied to the NEH for a Challenge Grant for \$500,000 to establish an operating endowment for the Max H. Fisch Library, at the heart of the Institute. If we are awarded this grant, which will require a 3 to 1 match, we will be able operate the Institute's archive and library as a regular research facility and achieve the permanence the Board has recommended. This would preserve the fruits of the many years of Peirce scholarship under-

taken in Indianapolis and will make the substantial accumulated resources permanently available to students and scholars.

7. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Peter Hare, with Susan Haack and Lesley Friedman as members, proposed Jaime Nubiola for Vice President (2007, succeeding to the presidency in 2008), Robert Lane for Secretary-Treasurer (2007-9), and Rosa Mayorga for the Executive Committee (2007-9). All nominations were approved and those nominated were elected unanimously.

8. There was no new business.

9. President Brent gratefully recognized the valuable service that Mark Migotti has given the Society as Secretary-Treasurer over the past ten years. He then turned the meeting over to the incoming President, Lucia Santaella, who graciously thanked President Brent for his service and adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Migotti, Secretary-Treasurer