

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
 CHARLES SANDERS PEIRCE SOCIETY  
 28 December 2007

Following the annual scholarly meeting, with papers by President Lucia Santaella (“Pervasive Semiosis”) and Essay Contest winner Daniel McKaughan (“From Ugly Duckling to Swan: C. S. Peirce, Abduction, and the Pursuit of Scientific Theories”), President Santaella called the meeting to order shortly after 6pm at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

1. Peter Hare reported on the health of Richard Robin, and a moment of silence was taken to remember Joann Robin, his wife, who died this fall.
2. The minutes of the 2006 meeting, published in the summer 2007 issue of the *Transactions*, were approved.
3. Lucia Santaella delivered the following report from the President and the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee met in the morning of December 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30–9:30 a.m. The members present at the meeting were Nathan Houser, Peter Hare, Lucia Santaella, Jaime Nubiola, and Rosa Mayorga.

The first subject to be discussed concerned three additions to the statement of eligibility in next year's contest announcement, namely: 1) entries from students who have not begun their graduate training will not be considered; 2) joint submissions are allowed provided that all the authors satisfy the eligibility requirements; and 3) including notes, papers should have between 6,000 and 10,000 words.

The second subject concerned the 2014 Peirce Conference. In 2006, the Executive Committee chose Indianapolis as the place for the conference and André de Tienne as the Chair of the Organizing Committee. He has reported that (1) talks were underway to constitute the international membership of the organizational committee; (2) plans were being made to set up a local arrangement committee, as well as an honorary committee; (3) budgetary projections were being calculated in order to account, inflation included, for the cost of organizing, fundraising, and holding the event. The size of the event has not been projected yet, as that depends on several fluctuating variables. Issues to be resolved over the coming year include, besides, the selection of an optimal week for holding the event (taking into account the various academic calendars in different countries), the beginning of negotiations for a venue in Indianapolis (knowing that by 2014 at least two major hotels will have been opened downtown that do not exist yet), and a general programming plan that will allow the committee to target and commit a number of specialized scholars to the organization of major segments of the program.

The Executive Committee was informed that Thomas Short has indicated that the C. S. Peirce Society can use the Peirce Foundation (of which he is President) to keep funds raised for the 2014 Conference.

The Committee decided to ask the Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Lane, to begin preparing procedural guidelines for conducting the Society Business.

The Vice-President, Jaime Nubiola, proposed a Committee of Delegated Members from Societies and Groups dedicated to Peirce Studies outside the United States. As President, Jaime Nubiola will consult the International Groups for the indication of delegates to constitute this Committee.

Following a proposal of Rosa Mayorga, Jaime Nubiola will also consult the Secretary-Treasurer about the viability of having a blog with news and reports about Peirce studies and conferences around the world dedicated to Peirce's work. The International Committee would be in charge of sending information to the person in charge of the blog.

#### 4. Peter Hare delivered the following report for the *Transactions*:

Good things happened this year. Our print subscriptions increased only modestly, but electronic use of the journal through Inscribe and Project Muse grew impressively. In future, as more and more content is under Indiana University Press copyright, the Press expects revenues from those sources to continue to increase. Most important, earlier this

month in an Addendum to our original agreement (signed three years ago), the Press agreed to require no longer an annual publication subsidy. However, for the financial health of the Society it is imperative that we increase the number of sustaining subscriptions. Revenues from each sustaining subscription over and above the amount of a regular subscription go into the Society's treasury for support of the Essay Contest and other important purposes unconnected with the *Transactions*. I urge one and all to become sustaining subscribers.

Finally, I think we can say without false modesty that the articles and reviews published in the 2007 volume have been as fine scholarship as we have ever published. Of note, for example, is a symposium on T. L. Short's *Peirce's Theory of Signs* in the fall issue.

5. Peter Hare delivered for Robert Lane a preliminary version of the following financial report:

The Society's income in 2007 was c.\$6,128.90: \$3,110.50 in membership dues; a \$2,800.00 anonymous donation, for which the Society is deeply grateful; and \$218.40 in interest. Our 2006 expenditures were c.\$6,440.40: \$5,600.00 to Indiana University Press, as per the publication agreement for the *Transactions* (this is the last of three payments the Society will be making to IUP); \$500 for the essay contest prize; \$182 for FISP (Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie) dues for 2007; \$75 for International Society for the Philosophy of Science (Logic and Methodology section) dues for 2007; and \$83.40 for web-site fees. As of December 31, 2007, the Society's assets were \$7,741.06, a decrease of \$311.50 from last year. The breakdown of the assets is: \$600.00 in checking, \$7,067.52 in a money-market account, and \$73.54 in savings.

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

2007 was like 2006 in being another good productive year but without quite getting W8 to the printer. Nearly all editorial work on W8 was wrapped up by the end of last year, and the volume was approved for the Modern Languages Association seal, but some minor yet crucial revisions to the contents proved to be necessary. For much of the year, however, only a finished introduction kept W8 from going to the printer—but this was not, I submit, without just cause. Because of an unusual overlapping of the chronologies of W8 and W9—there is nearly a year of overlap—it has turned out to be expedient, if not necessary, to work on the introductions to these two volumes simultaneously. That has slowed down work on W8 while having the opposite effect on the composition of the introduction for W9. Editorial work on W9 is also well along with all 58 selections having been read against original manuscripts at their holding archives and with editing nearing completion and many of the selections even in layout.

Much of our attention at present is on W11, the book Peirce called “How to Reason” but which is commonly known as “The Grand Logic.” The manuscripts selected for W11 have been transcribed and will be read against the originals at the Houghton Library in the spring. Work on the annotations for W11 is underway and Randall Dipert has been engaged to write the introduction.

François Latraverse and his editorial team at the University of Quebec at Montreal are making good progress on W7, the *Century Dictionary* volume, and they have applied to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for a second round of funding. Helmut Pape’s work on W22 has been put on hold while he regroups his editorial team.

The PEP staff remains stable and well. The next big change on the horizon will be my retirement in April 2009. Fortunately, André De Tienne is well-qualified and well-trained to step into the leadership role. Discussions are underway within PEP and with IUPUI administrators to decide how staffing needs will be met after my retirement and after a significant portion of André’s effort is shifted to administration; I am certain that these changes, along with other changes that have taken place during the last few years, will create an urgent need for two full-time assistant editors, one a Peirce specialist and the other a trained textual editor, and we have been making this case to the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts. These hires would make up for lost effort, would restore PEP to the productive strength of its strongest period, and would support a continued acceleration of output after the publication of W8 and W9.

In November we began the third year of a three-year NEH grant, this third year being a non-funded extension. That means our production team is beholden to the generosity of PEP’s supporting donors until we land another grant. I am very glad I can report that we managed to raise the full \$50,000 match for our current NEH grant. We have just submitted a new proposal to NEH and are of course hoping for good news in the late spring. I’ll be sending out the news mid-year. In the meantime, I want to thank all of you who continue to contribute to PEP and to urge you to plan to give André the strong base of external support that you’ve given the project under my direction.

7. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Cornelis de Waal, with Susan Haack and Daniel Campos as members, proposed Larry Laudan for Vice President (2008, succeeding to the presidency in 2009), and Matthew Moore for the Executive Committee (2008–10). All nominations were approved and those nominated were elected unanimously.

#### 8. New business

Ahti Pietarinen announced the growing academic activity on Peirce in different centers of Europe and the initial launching of a European Peirce Network.

Vincent Colapietro mentioned the preparations that were made for some participation of members of the Society in the XXII World Congress of Philosophy to be held in Seoul, Korea, in August 2008.

9. President Santaella turned the meeting over to the incoming President, Jaime Nubiola, who graciously thanked President Santaella for her service and adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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