

Business Meeting (or Moments of Being) Notes
for the International Virginia Woolf Society
June 8, 2014 Chicago

Near the end of the glorious Woolf Writing the World conference in Chicago, at 8 a.m. the morning after the banquet, we met to have our business meeting.

Attending were: Diane Gillespie, Leslie Kathleen Hankins, Julie Vandivere, Alice Lowe, Catherine Hollis Anne Marie Bantzinger, Lois Gilmore, Madelyn Detloff, Georgia Johnston, Lolly Ockerstom, Paula Maggio, Elisa Kay Sparks & Judith Allen.

The Business Meeting always generates amazing questions; some include:

"I haven't heard from membership in ages and I'm sure I'm overdue. What should I do?"

"Who did the interviews with Cecil Woolf at the conferences? Are there videos?" (We would like to have copies of those for the Archives, for our archivist, Karen Levenback)

Some suggested that Suzanne Bellamy may have some. Let's track them down. Please let us know if you know anything about such videos/tapes.

"How can we make sure Cecil Woolf & Jean Moorcroft Wilson can come next year?"

"With 3 upcoming conferences in the UK and Paris, what can we do to work with that most effectively?"

How can we make membership smoother for international members? How can we use those international venues to recruit? How can we build up travel monies to enable US students and adjuncts and others in need to attend? We would like to push to raise money.

[We discussed ways of having a sliding scale for those who could contribute more].

One idea is to ask people to give birthday gifts for Virginia Woolf to the travel fund. Other ideas would be for established scholars to give gifts of IVWS membership for their PhD candidates.

We had good feedback from the practice we initiated this year for the MBA dinner—paying a portion of the dinner fee for students and asking senior scholars to treat their students if they wanted to.

More News:

The undergraduate essay contest in honor of Angelica Garnett is moving ahead. The winning entry will be published in the Miscellany, and the prize is \$250 with a year membership in the IVWS. We are aiming to advertise this and have the due date be Virginia Woolf's Birthday with the prize awarded in June.

Elisa Kay Sparks confessed to dropping the ball on finding out about setting up the non-profit status & plans to call Ken to work on this asap. Julie Vandivere has developed a non-profit funding line for the next conference travel fund, which is promising.

Julie Vandivere is fearlessly organizing the conference for next June at Bloomberg University of Pennsylvania. Virginia Woolf & Her Female Contemporaries, the 25th annual International Conference on Virginia Woolf will be June 4-7, 2015. The website is woolf.bloomu.edu

LKH as president pleaded for volunteers to step forth to fill in key gaps in the technological presence of the IVWS. Madelyn Detloff & Paula Maggio will work together to renovate the Facebook page and Google site or incorporate more into Paula's blog in some way. Thank you two very much for volunteering! We may still work on a plan for a digital officer in the future, but for now, we have key deferred maintenance that we need to address.

We will be having elections for new officers in the foreseeable future, though the plan of how to stagger the newbies is a bit vague as yet. Be thinking of wise choices, & don't be modest—include yourselves!!

It is such a joy to work with all of you in the IVWS. I always tell my colleagues that the IVWS and the Woolf conferences are like family reunions, only . . . functional. That's the notes for now! Please reply to all with any additional points or omissions.

Keep the party going! Best, Leslie

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