

TENNESSEE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION
Minutes
November 5, 2016

President Maria Marable called the business meeting to order at the Cool Springs Marriott at 12:45 p.m. 29 were in attendance.

The minutes of the November 7, 2015 meeting were read. Move to approve by Nancy Howell. Ed Gaffney seconds. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report (Chris Craig): Our balance is \$1264, up from \$1119 last year. Dues income and very generous anonymous contributions more than offset expenditures for contribution to NCLG, honorarium for the teaching award, and a minor bank service charge. Move to approve by Abby Simone. Sarah Ellery seconds. Approved unanimously.

President Marable called for other business. [NOTE: The single most urgent item is the action item in the penultimate paragraph below. Please read that first.]

Announcements

- Midstate Latin tournament will be on February 2 at Hume-Fogg.
- TJCL April 7-8 at Austin Peay.
- ACTFL and TFLTA/TCA will meet concurrently in 2017 in Nashville on November 15-17. There will be a TCA luncheon at the joint meeting.
- NJCL at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. July 24-29.
- George Pesely announces that Tim Winters, winterst@apsu.edu, will again offer his summer course in Greece in June 2017. More information at www.apsu.edu/classics. Sarah Stonesifer and Nancy Howell volunteered their endorsements of the high quality of the program.
- George also announces that a post-bac program is coming at Austin Peay. Details to follow.
- The medieval fair for high school students co-sponsored by UTK's Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies and modeled on the Knoxville Latin Fair, will take place at Bearden HS again this spring. Please contact sandy.hughes@knoxschools.org for further information.
- TFLTA East Tennessee Regional Workshop will take place in Knoxville on April 1. Please watch www.TFLTA.org for details. (A new model will be put in place with registration payment directly to TFLTA and the elimination of language specific lunches.)

- UT Latin Day must be scheduled on October 5 of 2017 to work around one more year of massive construction on the UTK campus. If this date will not work for your program, please email Chris Craig at classics@tennessee.edu to let him know.
- UTK Classics has one \$1500 scholarship for which entering freshmen are eligible. This is the Haines-Morris Award. General information at <http://classics.utk.edu/scholarships.php>. Specific information at <http://classics.utk.edu/hainesmorris.php>. Applications from under-represented groups are especially welcome.
- CAMWS Announcements:
 - CAMWS in Kitchener, Ontario, April 5-8. <https://camws.org/CAMWS2017>.
 - CAMWS Southern Section was held in Atlanta, GA, October 27-29. Maria Marable and Alice Sanford represented TCA, as did George Pesely, Stephen Collins-Elliott, Robert Sklenar, Jessica Westerhold and Chris Craig, who gave papers.
 - CAMWS regional Vice-President is now Ryan Sellers. State VP remains Ed Long.
 - CAMWS CPL has money. The application form is on their website at <https://camws.org/cpl/funding/procedure.html>. Ed and Ryan will almost surely approve your request for any activity that supports your Latin program. Please take the money.

Alice Sanford moves contribution of \$100 to NCLG. Nancy Howell seconds. Approved unanimously.

The nominations committee chair, Ed Gaffney, offered this slate of officers: Abigail Braddock Simone, President; Ryan Sellers, Vice President; Chris Craig, secretary/treasurer. Alice Sanford moved approval. Second by Blount Smith. Unanimously approved. Warm Applause.

The TCA Distinguished Latin Teaching Award Selection Committee, composed of Daniel Solomon (chair), Ryan Sellers, and last year's recipient, Sarah Ellery, unanimously selected Tim Russell of Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School as the recipient of this year's award. Dan's presentation, replete with quotes from Tim's students, revealed to the group that Tim has a no-holds-barred *joie de vivre* that makes him a truly inspired teacher. Sustained and appreciative applause.

Stephen Collins-Elliott, in his third year as Assistant Professor of Classics at UTK, shared his adventures exploring the Roman presence in Morocco with his students for the "Gardens of the Hesperides" project. <http://hesperides.utk.edu/>. His presentation was enthusiastically received.

ACTION ITEM: The TN Department of Education is currently revising the state standards and objectives for World Languages. Scott Cochran and Abigail Braddock Simone are the two Latin representatives on the committee. The TNDOE will distribute a survey for soliciting educator input regarding moving towards the proficiency-based standards of ACTFL. Please respond to this survey emphasizing that the focus of Latin is on interpretative reading rather than speaking the language.

Finally, the group offered warm congratulations to Daniel Solomon, this year's recipient of the Jacqueline Elliott Award, applauded again the fine presentation by Stephen Collins-Elliott, and volubly expressed our thanks to Maria Marable for her yeoman service as our president.

President Marable adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Craig
Secretary-Treasurer