

**American Musicological Society, Southern Chapter
Business meeting, February 19, 2005**

Minutes of the last meeting, containing the treasurer's report, were approved (motion by Douglas Seaton).

Reports from Seattle

Scott Warfield reported on the **Council of Representatives** meeting held in Houston. See AMS newsletter online for fuller details on each of these matters.

1) Robert Judd has been reappointed for a five-year term.

2) New procedures for submission of abstracts for the annual meeting:

- abstracts may be up to 500 words for consideration, though only 200 words will be published in the abstract booklet
- abstracts are read blind; most papers are selected during this process; then a small additional group of papers is selected with the authors revealed; the purpose is to promote the inclusion of senior scholars
- AMS papers will be 30 minutes, an increase over recent years.

3) The AMS has launched a new five-year fund-raising initiative, *Opus*, designed to support various needs among the musicological community, including travel for independent scholars, dissertation research abroad, publications, and travel for minority students.

4) There are several changes in AMS awards, and members should see the February newsletter of the AMS for details.

5) A motion was made to support graduate students' right to unionize; the matter was directed to a committee for further study.

6) Members can find a wealth of information about AMS on its website (<http://www.sas.upenn.edu/music/ams/>)

Jeannette Jones submitted a written report of the student representatives meeting in Seattle.

Marian Wilson -Kimber and Jennifer Thomas reported on the **AMS officers'** meeting held in Seattle. Much of the information duplicates that in Scott's report (new procedures for abstracts, encouragement to use the AMS website). The content of the newsletter has changed; while the printed format will continue for sometime, use of the electronic format is being promoted. The new AMS administration handbook will be online, with details about committees, offices, awards, etc. We encourage chapters to join with special societies regionally to promote interdisciplinary stimulation and interaction. There was also discussion about creating packets for distribution to public school students, high school and younger, as a tool for outreach. Bob Judd can provide chapter officers with updated lists of email addresses for chapter members. We should be sure that our students receive reimbursement for their travel costs.

New Business

Scott Warfield suggested that we consider moving to Friday afternoon and all-day Saturday for our Chapter meetings as a way of accommodating travel and teaching schedules. Discussion on pros and cons, history of our current schedule. Jan Herlinger urged us to remind our departments that attending such meetings is a part of our jobs; we should be allotted this time. The membership voted to retain the present schedule.

The best student paper prize of \$200.00 was awarded to Jennifer Roth-Burnett for her paper, “Organum, Trope and Exegesis in the Nativity Liturgy.”

Election of officers

Jeannette Jones, of Louisiana State University, has one year left of her two-year term. Aaron Keebaugh, of University of Florida, was elected for a two-year term. [The student in the first year of his or her term receives reimbursement for travel expenses to the national meeting.]

Linda Cummins was elected to a two-year term as secretary-treasurer. Jennifer Thomas will be president-elect, and Marian Wilson-Kimber will serve her remaining year as president. Scott Warfield continues as our representative to the AMS council and Andreas Giger will continue as abstracts editor.

We express our thanks to Keith Knopp for our excellent website

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Scott Warfield volunteered to host next year’s meeting at Central Florida University, date to be announced.

Submitted by Jennifer Thomas