

International Ovidian Society (IOS) meeting, Jan. 3, 2020: SCS/AIA Annual Meeting, Washington DC

J Miller called the meeting to order at 3:45pm; requested attendees to sign up for mailing list if not already receiving emails; made a few announcements.

Items of business

Finances: S James—B Boyd: proposal for Vergilian Society to act as institutional sponsor/fiscal agent until IOS becomes a stand-alone 501c3; once this relationship has been finalized IOS can begin accepting money (e.g., membership donations); IOS will pay fiscal agent 3% of revenues to Vergilian Society under this arrangement; removes IRS paperwork burden from IOS; common practice for small non-profit organizations. There was a unanimous decision to go forward with this arrangement.

The next step will be for Finance Committee to think through membership etc. Attendees shared ideas to pass along to the committee: dues in the \$35–40 range but possibly with discount for graduate students and NTTF and with lifetime membership category; uses for funds in the first instance will be reception after this meeting (\$1-2K), publicity (e.g., CJ, SCS/AIA program) to increase membership; and awards for graduate students. Other ideas: subsidies for travel; grants for Ovid related creative work; a future journal; institutional memberships; stipend to maintain website.

Website and communications: thank you to B Natoli; T Ramsby proposal: Ovid K-12 resources for teachers will likely go up soon; contact her to submit activities for Ovidian teaching resources.

Meeting announcements: Genre in and after Vergil at Cumae in June 2020 (Ovidian component); IOS at Fondation Hardt in August 2020; SCS Panel 2021: Ovid and the constructed visual environment (co-organized T Ramsby and A Feldherr) deadline Mar 1, 2020.

Outreach:

Graduate Students (D. Maticic): twitter (younger diverse audience); request to members for content; proposed grad stud conf paper award (or simply a paper award, which could include seminar papers); work with other disciplines; awards like this would encourage students to be paying members in long term.

NTT Faculty (D. Krasne): sent out email to chairs of all departments, asking them to pass along information about the society to any NTT faculty who might be interested; she later sent out a survey to those NTTFs who had contacted her. 15 responded. To the mentorship question: most people replied "maybe," which suggests that we need to develop a clear understanding of what mentorship might mean/involve; the one person who replied "yes" wants mentoring on Ovid-related research/publishing.

IMPORTANT: NTT faculty who are members of IOS should please get in touch with D. Krasne (dk3009@columbia.edu) so that she can add them to her contact list. Please also fill out the survey at: <https://forms.gle/K8DCsYX7Kru15e3Z8>

2022 SCS panel: Discussion of possible topics. T Ramsby: fake news, e.g., false testimony, lies and deception; H Gardner: Rethinking Ovid and sexual violence; J Hejduk: Ovid and religion; A Feldherr: good panel as a 'first paper' topic; S Myers: Ovid geography space; D. Krasne: Ovid and the natural environment/world.

Slate for election of new Officers (H. Gardner): C Newlands co-chair through 2022; trustees: J. Hejduk and L Curtis; T Ramsby asst. treasurer. Current officers are asked to write brief description of what they do.

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