

International Ovidian Society
Business Meeting, Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting
January 6, 2023, at 1pm (Central time)

MINUTES by Daniel Libatique (dlibatique@fairfield.edu)

Meeting format: Zoom

In attendance (at various moments):

- Daniel Libatique
- Andrew Feldherr
- Alessandro Schiesaro
- Jay Reed
- John Miller
- Alicia Matz
- Allen Miller
- Carole Newlands
- Erin Lam
- Fanny Dolansky
- Gareth D Williams
- Jessica Westerhold
- Julia Hejduk
- K. Sara Meyers
- Katie De Boer
- Megan Drinkwater
- Micah Myers
- Rebecca Sears
- Sanjaya Thakur
- Sara Lindheim
- Stephanie McCarter
- Melanie Racette-Campbell
- Jinyu Liu
- Barbara Weiden Boyd

Presiding: FELDHERR

1. Announcements and Introductions
 1. approval of slate of officers

2. Treasury Update (WESTERHOLD)
 1. we became a 501c3 in 2022
 2. fully solvent and on our own feet after fiscal sponsorship from Vergilian Society
 3. students and NTT faculty have one year of membership for free, thereafter \$15

4. other members are \$40
 5. thanks to NATOLI and NAPPA for setting up payment structure on website
 6. <http://ovidiansociety.org/joinus>
3. Membership available on website with contact information? (request from FABRE-SERRIS)
 1. we would have an opt-out page when you join if you don't want your name and contact info up on the website
 2. any objections? (none raised)
4. Webpage
 1. enhanced version of the teaching resources page
 1. including 18 syllabi contributed over the summer
 1. materials not censored or endorsed, simply offered via website
 2. bibliography that will be updated annually
 3. **please contribute to the materials!** bibliography, syllabi, reviews, etc.
5. W. S. Anderson Graduate Student Prize
 1. MATZ announces that the 2022 winner of the prize is ERIN LAM
 2. FELDHERR: nominations solicited in September covering a period that includes all the major conferences including SCS
 1. probably many opportunities for next year's nominations with 3 (!) Ovid panels at SCS 2023
6. Events
 1. Ovid II, Ovid I, and IOS Panel all taking place at SCS 2023
 2. IOS panel 2024 organized by DE BOER and HINES
 3. DE BOER: it'll be a great panel on all sorts of "re-"s in Ovid
 4. <https://ovidiansociety.org/scs2024>
7. IOS 2025 Panel
 1. need to think two years ahead
 2. The *Heroides* and Their Tradition?
 1. can include a lot of important themes throughout Ovid's work, relatively neglected work in Ovid's corpus
 2. MATZ and LIBATIQUE as organizers
 3. endorsed by acclamation
8. Other gatherings
 1. optimistic that we will have a third European conference of the IOS
 1. Berlin in September 2023
 2. (working on funding)
 2. NEWLANDS, FELDHERR, JOHNSTON: trying to plant an "IOS" flag at the Celtic Conference in Classics in Coimbra on the topic of "Ovid and Myth"

1. CFP is out, closes towards the end of February
 1. due February 20, 2023
 2. https://ee2f533e-2dc8-4fb6-8d6a-a68f43d49983.filesusr.com/ugd/14f5b2_995b510259b6446eb64e363592820640.pdf
 2. spread the word!
 3. BOYD: is the Celtic conference on the IOS page?
 1. FELDHERR: it may not be yet — will work on it
 2. while here, many thanks to BOYD, NAPPA, and RAMSBY for setting up a financial structure for the organization
 3. FABRE-SERRIS: trying to organize purely virtual seminars among Ovidians
 1. one North America based and one elsewhere in the world to select a few people for a topic and then make it a general, regular (annual? biennial?) event
9. slate of officers
1. staggered rotations for various offices
 2. thanks to MCCARTER for taking over as elections coordinator
 3. not electing the officers at this meeting but **approving the slate of officers**
 4. Allen Miller for co-chair; Megan Drinkwater and K. Sara Myers for trustees
 5. **25 in favor, 0 against - the slate is approved**
10. any other business?
1. SCHIESARO: further thanks to those who've set us up and those who are setting up to take over soon
 2. HEJDUK: questions — timelines?
 1. FELDHERR: new officers take positions in July
 1. anyone with position right now has it at least until July
 3. FELDHERR: anything that we haven't been doing that you think that we should be doing to further the mission of the organization?
 1. DE BOER: as NTT faculty liaison, I would like to think about and brainstorm some programming targeted at NTT faculty, including networking, connections for new PhDs to chat with more established scholars
 1. challenging demographic to target because of the mobility of individual scholars
 2. invitation for folks to collaborate with DE BOER
 3. WESTERHOLD: interested in working with DE BOER on brainstorming ideas
 1. SEARS (via chat) and DRINKWATER (via chat) also interested in working with DE BOER
 4. FELDHERR: new (old?) ways of connection — reception at the in-person meeting, reaching out to folks with similar research interests after seeing materials on IOS website
 2. J MILLER: one thing to think about (mostly for trustees) — many of these ideas may involve money (reception at SCS, cash prizes for Anderson award, travel scholarships to SCS, etc.)
 1. solicit donations?

2. now that we've started to collect money via dues, we might as well use it
3. FELDHERR: very good point. in Covid atmosphere, things have been in flux, but the money will very likely be coming in
 1. for example, what if of the papers that get accepted for the IOS panel at the SCS, we set aside a pot of money to divide among the graduate students and contingent faculty that will be coming?
 2. NEWLANDS: I wonder if it would be possible to make some sort of special fund for people to come from abroad specifically, since international travel is such a big expense
4. FELDHERR: @ J MILLER, what were the costs of the in-person receptions back in the day?
 1. J MILLER: upwards of \$1200-1400; might as well take the money and go to the bar
 2. FELDHERR: @ WESTERHOLD, what are our annual expenses?
 1. about \$200 per year for taxes
 2. FELDHERR: need for fundraisers made very clear by that math
 3. HEJDUK: great idea to have funds for those most in need. we'd also talked about having a big DONATE button on the website
 4. NAPPA: it looks like the DONATE button has been solved; we just need to get access for me (NAPPA) to Paypal without locking WESTERHOLD out
 5. HEJDUK: once that's up and running, let's send around an email to the members to publicize that people can donate; FELDHERR: and that these items are what we'll use the funds for
3. BOYD: do we have a 'lifetime membership' option?
 1. FELDHERR: we talked about this and there was a reason that we decided to defer it (mainly because we were trying to set up the infrastructure); let's do it now?
 2. what level should we set the lifetime membership dues at?
 1. \$800 as suggested? (\$40 right now means \$800 is about 20 years)
 2. J MILLER: I wonder if we should do some research for the amount; there's probably a formula that organizations use to get the right dollar amount
 3. FELDHERR: so we would bring it before the **trustees** to **set and propose the lifetime dues amount** (by ~~March 2023?~~), and then offer it to the **membership STEERING COMMITTEE** to approve (electronically) **at the same time as the officer elections?** *[originally suggested to have membership vote, but WESTERHOLD points out that bylaws say only SC needs to vote to approve]*
 4. SCHIESARO: the list of various memberships among the Vergilian Society is very detailed, so maybe the trustees could add even more tiers and permutations

11. Actionable items

1. FELDHERR:

1. make sure DONATE button is available on website
2. publicize **memberships and donations** to Classics listserv
3. then around June (September?) and on, we can think in practical terms about bursaries and how to use the money once the money starts coming in

2. TRUSTEES:

1. set and propose lifetime membership dues level
2. submit to STEERING COMMITTEE to approve

12. Last points?

1. SCHIESARO: many thanks to FELDHERR for keeping the ship afloat

13. Meeting adjournment by acclamation

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Libatique