

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

AHNCA's annual business meeting took place on Friday, February 27, 2009 in Los Angeles at the College Art Association annual conference. The minutes of the last business meeting, published in the Newsletter, were approved by the members present. The agenda for the 2009 meeting was also approved.

Petra Chu announced in the President's Report that she is stepping down after a long term as president and encouraged the organization to continue its hard work. Petra will continue to serve as executive editor of *NCAW*. She also announced that the *NCAW* endowment is currently \$36,624, thanks largely to a single donor who wishes to remain anonymous. There was a long ovation from all members present in recognition of Petra's tremendous service to the field.

The Treasurer, Yvonne Weisberg, gave her report. The total amount of monies received in dues and gifts in 2008 was \$36,605.54. The expenses for the Newsletter and the 19thc-artworldwide.org Journal came to a total of \$19,573.23. The amount deposited to the endowment account was \$11,168.72. As of February 3, 2009 the amount in the endowment account was \$36,624.60.

The report of the Membership Coordinator, Janet Whitmore, was made by Elizabeth Mansfield. Janet reported that membership renewals for 2009 declined by 21%. In 2008 AHNCA gained 28 new members which is an increase over 2007. The new category introduced a year ago for "retired members" has proven to be a success. The membership fee structure remains as follows:

- Student/Retired:** \$20
- Regular Member:** \$35
- Supporting Member:** \$50
- Patron:** \$100
- Benefactor:** \$200
- Sponsor:** \$500+

Janet noted that if the Newsletter appeared by October 31 the deadline for renewals could be set for November 30, thus avoiding competition with holiday spending.

The report of the Program Coordinator, Patricia Mainardi, was given by Petra. The annual AHNCA/CUNY graduate symposium will take place on March 27, 2009 at CUNY. Neil McWilliam will chair AHNCA's session at the 2010 CAA on "Myths of the Nation in Nineteenth-Century Visual Culture". Julie Codell will chair the New Directions session at the 2010 CAA.

Petra then introduced some changes to the by-laws which were approved. AHNCA now has up to 8 members-at-large and a new position on the board for Executive Editor for *NCAW*.

Elizabeth Mansfield organized the very important election of officers on behalf of Ting Chang, Secretary. The following members were elected:

President: Elizabeth Mansfield

Members-at-Large: Nina Kallmyer, Elizabeth Fraser, Micheline Nilsen, Miranda Mason, Alison McQueen

Executive Editor of NCAW: Petra Ten-Doesschate Chu

Continuing for another year are Greg Thomas, Pamela Warner, Peter Trippi, Members-at-large; Ting Chang, Secretary; Yvonne Weisberg, Treasurer; Janet Whitmore, Membership Coordinator; Patricia Mainardi, Program Chair; Laurie Dahlberg, Newsletter Editor; Amelia Kahl Avdic, Webmaster.

Past presidents of AHNCA are Patricia Mainardi, Gabriel P. Weisberg, Petra ten-Doesschate Chu.

The newly elected President, Elizabeth Mansfield then announced the winner of the AHNCA Graduate Prize, awarded annually to the PhD candidate who submits the best conference or symposium paper on a topic related to nineteenth-century art or art history. The winner for 2008 is Annah Kellogg-Krieg (U of Pittsburgh). Her essay, "'Now I prophesize, Lehnin, your future destiny': Christoph Hehl and Romanesque Revival in the Crown of Roses Church (1899-1900)" will appear in a future issue of *Nineteenth-Century Art Worldwide*. Honorable mention was given to Katie Lee Hanson (CUNY Graduate Center) for her essay, "Ariadne Awakened, Antoine-Jean Gros Reborn."

The nomination of Howard Rehs as Life-time Honorary Member of AHNCA was approved.

President Mansfield introduced new business, namely the creation of committees to increase membership and to raise funds.

With the meeting adjourned, members shared some wine and conversation.