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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

**2019 ASECS Business Meeting
Minutes**

22 March 2019, 2:30 pm
Colorado Ballroom, Grand Hyatt, Denver, CO

1. Call to Order (Executive Director: Lisa Berglund); 3:12pm
2. Call for Quorum (Parliamentarian: Joe Bartolomeo); 152 members (quorum met)
3. Treasurer's Report (Treasurer: Jill Bradbury)

Society's finances have been examined and we are restructuring our funding for more accuracy and transparency. We have fairly stable membership and conference attendance. Project MUSE income is an important source of revenue so when assigning articles to students please have them access/download from the MUSE site so that ASECS receives the royalty income.

Our endowment is doing well; there has been some fluctuation due to the stock market. However, we are focusing on the long-term outcome and we continue to have the finances to pay our prizes and awards.

Bradbury will work with the Executive Board to develop policies for using revenue for the benefit of the society and to examine how we should face the future financially. Also, many of the awards/travel funds have not been examined since the 1990s; the Finance Committee is examining how funds for prizes and funds are capitalized and generally reviewing policy and procedures for financials.

4. Summary of Major Executive Board Actions 2018-2019 and Executive Director's Report
 - A. Confirmed re-appointment of *ECS* Managing Editor Matthew Wyman-McCarthy and appointment of Book Review Associate Editors Meghan Roberts (through 31 July 2019) and Jennifer Thorn (1 August 2019-30 June 2022)
 - B. Confirmed appointments for *ECS* Editorial and Advisory Board and the *SECC* Editorial Board
 - C. Named members to Prize, Awards, and Nominating Committees
 - D. Approved a Presidential Award for Service to ASECS in Memory of Donald Greene – fitting event for the 50th anniversary
 - E. Approved new affiliate societies: Southeast Asian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (SA-SECS) and the Voltaire Foundation – Welcome to ASECS!

- F. Approved the structure of the new Non-Tenure Track Faculty “Now and Later” Fund. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to fund’s inaugural campaign.
- G. Approved a Provisional Policy on Sexual Harassment and Professional Conduct, and established a standing committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility – DEIA. This committee is holding a preliminary meeting tomorrow and will be reaching out to folks for their charge and how we can improve ASECS’s approach to these key concerns.
- H. Established an Audit Committee
- I. Changed the policy for distribution of the Annual Meeting program. Hardcopies will no longer be mailed, as the program is available on the website. Members who are not attending the meeting may obtain a hardcopy of the program by contacting the Business Office.
- J. Approved our new logo
- K. Approved new procedures for inviting expressions of interest in service to ASECS.
- L. Approved preliminary plans for a membership survey.

Dryfta is our new conference software. The CFP will be fully operational in May – all of the standard pieces will be online and we will be adding to the registration process. Among the new items to be included with Annual Meeting registration will be the option to pay for membership at the same time as paying the conference fee and a requirement that registrants read and acknowledge ASECS policies on sexual harassment and professional conduct.

ASECS now has a joint fellowship with Goucher College library. We are partnering with our Library Fellowship Partners to celebrate ASECS 50th year.

5. 2019 Election Results

President	Jeffrey Ravel
First Vice President	William B. Warner
Second Vice President	Rebecca Messbarger
Member at large, 2019-2022	Tita Chico
Member at large, 2019-2022	Jennifer Germann

Thanks to outgoing Past President Sue Lanser and to outgoing Board Members Misty Anderson and Douglas Fordham for their service.

6. Report on Annual Meetings

2019: Thanks to the 50th Annual Meeting Program Committee: Jenna Gibbs (chair), Jennifer Golightly and Rachel Walsh. Fourteen Traveling Jam Pot Fellowship and four inaugural Non-Tenure Track Faculty (NTTF) Fellowships were awarded to support participation in this meeting.

Harpichord & Flute Concert tonight, sponsored by the ASECS Arts, Theater and Music Fund. The concert is free.

The Quinquagenary Reception with champagne toast will take place Saturday night.

The Graduate Student Conference Paper Award submission deadline is Monday, 25 March 2019

SECC will publish papers presented at this meeting and at regional and affiliate meetings; submission deadline 1 August 2019 (see program page 5).

Longtime Member James Winn passed away yesterday. He is listed in the program as he intended to participate in this 50th anniversary meeting

2020: Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch, *18-21 March*—note change of date. Proposals for sessions may be submitted to our online system beginning on 15 April 2019 and ending 15 May 2019.

2021: Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, *6-10 April*.

7. The 50 + 50 Campaign - For ASECS (President Melissa Hyde). More information will be available in the fall. We are launching a one-year campaign with a goal of \$100,000.
8. ISECS 2019 Congress and Upcoming Election (Lise Andries, ISECS President)

Andries described plans for ISECS 2019 15th International Congress on the 18th Century and the Enlightenment, which will take place in Edinburgh 15-19 July. The theme is Enlightened Identities. ISECS elections will be held this spring. ASECS members are eligible to vote and are urged to do so.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment 3:32pm

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