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Now Due – AANLS Annual Dues for 2007

Please send the membership form and dues for 2007 to Kirk Summers, the AANLS Treasurer, as soon as possible. The form may be found at the end of this newsletter and has also been sent as a separate e-mail attachment with this newsletter.

We are planning several new initiatives and hope that we can count on the continued financial support of members. Please let interested colleagues know about the AANLS and encourage them to join us.

Proposing a New AANLS Executive Council

Our current constitution provides for two Councillors-at-Large, President and Secretary/Treasurer. Because it would be helpful to have a larger executive both to attract new members and to give greater visibility to the AANLS, a new Executive Council consisting of six members in good standing is proposed. The members listed at the left have agreed to serve as Councillors for two-year terms, and the past executive has approved this amendment. In addition, it is proposed that the position of Secretary/Treasurer be changed to Treasurer. We will need a 2/3 majority of individual members voting by mail to approve these changes.

A ballot page may be found at the end of this newsletter and as an attachment. It asks for member approval for the two matters above. Thank you for voting by **May 31, 2007**.



San Diego

The AANLS Panel in San Diego, January 2007

Our annual session held at the meeting of the APA, “*Insignes Feminae: Post-classical Women as Latin Writers*,” offered three perspectives on learned women in Italy and England who wrote in Latin.

Robert G. Babcock (Yale University) spoke on the study of Justinus, a third-century Roman historian, by Geneva and Isotta Nogarola, two well-known learned sisters in fifteenth century Verona. He focused on manuscript annotations that have never been studied by previous scholars. UmIt Dhuga (Columbia University) spoke on the cento to Pandulfo Malatesta by Angela Nogarola, the aunt of Geneva and Isotta, using a detailed analysis of the cento and its sources. Roger Fisher (York University) discussed possible connections between Neo-Latin poets and the widow who appears in the seventeenth-century novel *The English Rogue* by Richard Head.

The business meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Update: AANLS Panel in Chicago at the Annual Meeting of the APA/AIA (January 2008)

Our 2008 panel has been organized by Fred Booth (Seton Hall University). The topic is "Neo-Latin Studies: Current Research." Many thanks to all who answered the last-minute call for submissions. Fred is happy to report that several abstracts were submitted (and several more enquiries made) and that we will be fielding a panel of five speakers. The panel proposed consists of papers on a variety of topics: Francisco Cabrera's *Benito Juarez*, Reinhard Lorch's chreia on Eobanus, Filippo Beroaldo's Commentary on the *Golden Ass*, the Latin themes of Mary Stuart, and two Latin and Greek schoolbooks of the early modern period.

Details of the proposed panel have been sent on to the APA Meeting Committee according to the usual procedure. The full particulars of the panel will be announced in the next AANLS newsletter in August.

Neo-Latin News

Neo-Latin News is the official publication of the AANLS. It is published at the back of the academic journal *Seventeenth Century News* and consists of reviews dealing with Neo-Latin. It is edited by Craig Kallendorf of Texas A&M University. The journal will be converting from paper to electronic format in the near future and will be available through a link at the Texas Digital Library. More news on this in the August issue of our newsletter.

Accomplishments

Michele V. Ronnick is the recipient of the APA's 2006 Prize for Scholarly Outreach, for her traveling exhibit "12 Black Classicists" and her publication of the autobiography of William Sanders Scarborough, pioneer U. S. African-American Classicist.

Spotlight on . . . The American Association for Neo- Latin Studies (AANLS)

The AANLS was formed in 1983 to promote the study and teaching of Neo-Latin language and literature from the beginnings of Italian humanism to the present day. The current constitution and by-laws date to 1990. The AANLS is affiliated with the American Philological Association (APA) and holds its annual conference at the January meeting of the APA. The AANLS is a non-profit organization with no political agenda or political affiliation. The AANLS website is <http://www.aanls.ua.edu>. It is in the process of being updated.

The AANLS currently has about thirty members and is hoping to attract more members, both in North America and beyond – academics, teachers, graduate students, and anyone interested in Latin beyond the Medieval period.

Neo-Latin is an exciting area of research and study in which much still remains to be done in regard to manuscripts, first editions, commentaries, pedagogy, and the cultural and historical environments of Neo-Latin texts.

Some Web Links to Other Neo-Latin Groups

Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Tempe, Arizona
<http://www.asu.edu/clas/acmrs/>

Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
<http://www.crrs.ca/csrs-scser/organization.htm>

Centre for Renaissance and Early Modern Studies, The University of York, U. K.
<http://www.york.ac.uk/crems/>

Centre for Early Modern Studies, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, U. K.
<http://www.ucc.ie/acad/classics/CNLS/>

Centre for Neo-Latin Studies University College Cork, Ireland
<http://www.ucc.ie/acad/classics/CNLS/>

Institute for the Classical Tradition, Boston University, Massachusetts
<http://www.bu.edu/ict/isct/index.html>

International Association for Neo-Latin Studies
<http://www.ianls.org/>

Society for Neo-Latin Studies University of Warwick, U. K.
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/>

The Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, Victoria University in the University of Toronto, Canada (including Ad Fontes: The Neo-Latin Workshop)
<http://www.crrs.ca/>

The Renaissance Society of America
<http://www.rsa.org/announcements.php>

Results of 2006 Membership Survey Sent December 2006

Thanks to all participants in the survey for the helpful suggestions and the many suggested new contacts.

For further thoughts on the suggestions proposed in the survey, please contact Anne-Marie Lewis (amlewis@yorku.ca).

Responses:

10 responses received; 8 from active AANLS members, 2 from interested potential members.

1. Are you able to attend the January meetings held at the APA?

No: 6; Yes: 2; Maybe: 2.

2. Neo-Latin topics currently being researched:

Ciceronianism
Erasmus
15th/16th century commentaries on Vergil
George Herbert's Latin poems
Juan Luis Vives
history of rhetoric in the Northern Renaissance
classical tradition
East European Neo-Latin authors
Protestant (especially Reformed) literary culture in Britain and northern continental Europe
Richard Crashaw
Renaissance reception of Ovid's *Fasti*

3. Do you use Neo-Latin texts in teaching? Yes: 7; No: 2; N/A 1

4. Do you support a meeting cycle of two years for "New Research in Neo-Latin Studies" followed by one year for "Using Neo-Latin Texts in the Classroom":

Yes: 11; One suggestion for a cycle that included rotating panels on "new research" on major classical authors (Vergil, Ovid, Cicero, e.g.) in the Renaissance and beyond (to tie in with the APA more closely)

5. Do you think that the AANLS should adopt some unifying initiative?

Majority said yes; for some suggested ideas, see below.

6. In which directions would you like to see the AANLS go in the near future? Some ideas:

On-line and Website

Online Neo-Latin texts

Website devoted to Neo-Latin matters

On-line dictionary of English-Latin Neo-Latin words (Vatican's dictionary is not easily accessible to students in the English-speaking world)

Possible website topics: Neo-Latin and the New World; Italian humanism; Northern Renaissance; Philosophy and the Science; Neo-Latin Communication Skills: Oral, Grammatical, Rhetorical

Website containing abstracts of papers at conferences; helpful links; history of nature and progress of Neo-Latin studies

Grants and Publication

Grants to qualified scholars for research in libraries outside their home institutions

Publication subventions for books on Neo-Latin studies

Development of grant application to help develop materials that would introduce more Neo-Latin into teaching Latin at all levels

Conferences

New Neo-Latin panels for American Classical League; new panels for Renaissance Society of America or Sixteenth Century Studies
Conferences; continuing APA and Kalamazoo panel

American Association for Neo-Latin Studies Membership Form

Annual membership dues are \$20.00 U. S. (\$10.00 U. S. for students). Please make check or money order in U. S. funds payable to AANLS.

Please print out this form and mail, with dues, to:

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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone or e-mail address (preferable): _____

Research Interests: _____

Any Suggestions for the AANLS:

2007 Dues Enclosed: \$ _____

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BALLOT

Please vote Yes or No **by May 31, 2007.**

Send with dues to:

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► BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR AANLS MEMBERS:

1. Do you accept the new AANLS Executive Council as proposed (see page one of this Newsletter)?

YES _____ NO _____

2. Do you accept the renaming of the position of Secretary/Treasurer as Treasurer as proposed (see page one of this Newsletter)?

YES _____ NO _____

Member's Name _____