

**Women's Classical Caucus Open Meeting**  
January 7, 2010, 4-6pm

**NOT APPROVED**

**Alison Futrell and Susanna Braund, co-chairing**  
About 23 members in attendance.

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1. Alison Futrell explained the nature and new name ("Open Meeting") of the meeting, introduced the Steering Committee members, and welcomed new SC members: Amy Cohen, Yurie Hong and Ted Gellar-Goad (grad rep). The rotation of co-chairs was explained and it was agreed to post the rotation on the WCC website. Susanna to ensure that the name 'Open Meeting' gets into the APA Program.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
3. High school liaison report (Keely Lake).  
In discussion of Keely's efforts to gather lists of names of HS teachers, CANE & CAAS liaisons are particularly sought.
4. Treasurer's report (Antony Augoustakis).  
Membership is now listed on Excel; members can pay their dues online through PayPal. Concerns over expenditures require savings. Moving from paper to online *Cloelia* is a help. We need to cut the high cost of hospitality at regional and APA/AIA meetings: SC has resolved to manage without coffee at its meeting; Open Meeting will be just coffee, no food, in future to allow us to concentrate our expenditure on Opening Night Reception and on the grad student cocktail hour. Efforts to increase gift-giving initiated by exemplary collection of \$215 from those present at SC the previous day; a letter to encourage one-off gift-giving by life members is in preparation by Alison Futrell. The SC is devising ways to pursue non-payers to renew their subscriptions, including preparation of an e-flyer. SC plans to expand WCC merchandising by using online ordering. Website to include a .pdf file listing current paid-up membership so that people can check whether they are current or not; this will be updated monthly; the WCC list will be informed of this and offered the chance to withdraw their names from the list. Alison thanked Antony.
5. Membership report (Lillian Doherty via Susanna).  
Lillian requested that she be replaced as membership officer. She reported that she is prepared to continue with finding mentors. SC needs to find someone to organise breakfasts/lunches at regional meetings and someone to manage the membership lists. It was noted that LCC offers free membership to all students, while WCC offers only the first year gratis. It was also noted that it's difficult to track whether a grad student stays in the WCC, if that membership becomes a post-PhD membership, as the degree is completed and the student moves on into the profession. It was also noted that the job announcements posted on the WCC listserv are a major benefit of joining for grad students. The option of advertising the cocktail hour on Facebook was raised. Thanks to Lillian.
6. Election report (Hallie Marshall).  
Amy Cohen and Yurie Hong were elected, Amy with slightly more votes, therefore future co-chair. The other two candidates, Deborah Lyons and Georgia Tsouvala, have already

indicated their willingness to stand again next time. Hallie is therefore looking for two further nominations. Thanks to Hallie.

7. Travel grants and child care (Alison Futrell).

Alison reported that only two applications for travel grants were received; both met the criteria and were duly awarded. Puzzlement was expressed about why there are so few applications for help with travel and child care. The question of whether the child care issue should be raised with the APA as a felt need was aired – polling of the membership via the listserv could be done.

8. Website report (Chris Ann Matteo).

Chris Ann reported on the functioning of the website. It is unclear how we should divide our energies between the website, listserv and facebook. It was suggested that we are not using Facebook enough; however, some people are hostile to Facebook.

9. LAMBDA report (Ruby Blondell).

LCC is very grateful for the exhibit table shared with WCC and for the joint grad student cocktail hour.

10. Grad student liaison report (Ted GG).

A replacement is needed for Lindsay Morse. Ideas for recruiting grad students to WCC and maintaining their membership after the free first year are sought.

11. AIA liaison report. No report was received. Members pointed to the existence of the Women in Archaeology interest group in the AIA and raised the possibility of bridge building with them, contacting those in the AIA who might be interested in joining forces, being social, networking through different means.

12. CSWVG liaison report. No report was received.

13. Awards report (Chris Ann and others for Micaela Janan).

The process functioned very well this year. The winners were:

PRE-PHD PRESENTATION: Fields, Allison. "Lucian's Megilla/us: Rethinking Gender, Agency, and Same-Sex Relationships." CAMWS 2009. GRADUATE STUDENT. Classical Archaeology, University of Cincinnati.

POST-PHD PRESENTATION: Bakewell, Geoff. "The Kyprios Kharakter of Aeschylus' Danaids." APA Philadelphia, 2009. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR. Dept. of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, Creighton University.

PUBLISHED ARTICLE: Starks, John H. Jr. "Pantomime Actresses in Latin Inscriptions." In *New Directions in Ancient Pantomime*. Edith Hall & Rosie Wyles, edd. December 2008. 110-145. Oxford. ASSISTANT PROFESSOR. Department of Classical & Near Eastern Studies, Binghamton University.

We should consider publishing the oral presentations to *Cloelia* to expose them to a wider audience.

14. WCC-sponsored panels.

This year's panel is on Saturday afternoon: 'Gender, East and West in the Ancient World' organised by Maryline Parca & Angeliki Tzanetou. The 2011 WCC-sponsored panel will be

the joint panel with AAH organised by Celia Schultz & Michele Salzman, 'What became of Lily Ross Taylor? Women and Ancient History in North America'. Ideas for the 2012 panel were canvassed, settling on 'Women and War' with Karen Bassi organising. 'Gender and Class' was a suggestion for the future. There was discussion about collaborating on panels with AIA: not easy because of procedural differences between APA and AIA. The 2009 panel was a model of informal collaboration.

15. Absence of women/gender/social history from APA categories (Susanna Braund). Susanna reported that she had approached the Program Committee with a request that the self-identifying categories should include 'Gender/Sexuality', 'Greek Social History' and 'Roman Social History'. Susanna to report back and to pursue the same issue in the self-identifying APA membership lists.

16. Cloelia report (Sally MacEwen via Susanna). Sally reported that her work as editor was finished and she was stepping down. She reported difficulties in getting enough copy for a complete magazine and raised the question of the function of *Cloelia* now that there are more venues where people can publish feminist and gender studied related work. Thanks to Sally for her work were warmly expressed, to be conveyed to her in a letter (Susanna to send).

The big question of the function of *Cloelia* was raised, along with its relation to the WCC webpage, to FaceBook, or to a newsletter. If the current format of an e-journal persists, we should maybe think in terms of thematic issues and issues dealing with professional themes; possible items for inclusion might be award-winning oral presentations; materials presented at roundtables and workshops; book reviews by graduate students; CFPs. Use of hyperlinks to be encouraged. The editorial work could be divided between a review editor, a pedagogy editor and a professional issues editor – i.e. an editorial team. The Open Meeting left it with the co-chairs to find volunteers to brainstorm the future of *Cloelia*.

17. Gender equity and the academy. Karen Bassi and Alison Futrell to pursue this issue.

18. Susanna thanked Sally MacEwen (*Cloelia* editor), Lillian Doherty (Membership) and Alison Futrell (outgoing co-chair) as well as continuing members of SC for their input.

The meeting closed at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susanna Braund and Alison Futrell