

**Women's Classical Caucus  
Steering Committee  
January 8, 2009**

**Susanna Braund and Alison Futrell, co-chairing.**

Attendance: Mireille Lee, Allison Glazebrook, Keely Lake, Micaela Janan, Cathy Keane, Antonios Augoustakis, Ann Haekl (left early), Susan Prince, Lillian Doherty, Celia Schultz, Maryline Parca, Kristina Milnor, Alex Dressler, Susanna Braund, Ruby Blondell, Sally MacEwen, Alison Futrell, Hallie Marshall (arrived late to conference).

1. Minutes: it was agreed to delete the last paragraph of the section on *Cloelia* and replace it with, "we agreed to phase out the paper copy of *Cloelia*." The minutes were then approved.
2. Treasurer and membership report.
  - a. Membership has gone down. It has been difficult to keep up with those who have not paid for two years.
  - b. The Equity fund appeal got a good response.
  - c. The travel fund will cover four people this year.
  - d. Lunches were paid out of registration.
  - e. Figures for receptions and A/V are mis-applied in the budget. This will be adjusted.
  - f. We have new t-shirts to sell at table. Price was \$7.19; they will sell for \$15.
  - g. We welcome Antonios Augustakis as our new Treasurer-Secretary.
3. Breakfasts: Alison hosted last spring at CAMWS at Tucson. About 20 attended. The cost is split between the CAMWS registration budget and us. Meals are expensive, and there was discussion of whether we should we continue to host meals at regional meetings. Impromptu gatherings over coffee might be deeper and easier to organize. On the plus side, the budget will have more money in it if we don't print *Cloelia*. The gathering for a meal does help recruit mentors and mentees. People do not need to be members of WCC to attend. Perhaps we could alternate CAAS and CAMWS Southern Section in addition to CAMWS. Or we could invite people to meet and limit the number of people. For now, we decided to proceed as we have with CAMWS only.
4. Elections: Karen Bassi will be co-chair in 2010 with Susanna Braund and then with Allison Glazebrook in 2011. Election participation was down, but that seems to be a trend. Life members vote more regularly. We should remind people at Business Meeting to vote, also solicit nominations.
5. Travel grants were given to fewer people, but more those were highly qualified, thanks to our new guidelines for awards. . The awards will be made at the WCC-LAMBDA party tonight: for pre-Ph.D. Paper to Alexander Dressler (University of Washington); for post-Ph.D. Paper to Herica Valladares (Johns Hopkins University); for published article to Deborah Lyons (Miami University of Ohio). A special award was made to Sharon James for her paper on teaching rape in Latin elegy, which was printed in *Cloelia*.
6. (moved to this location in original agenda) Alison will work on the letter to life members—this should be a paper letter with a return envelope.
7. Can we find an AIA liaison? It was noted that some AIA members have been on our panels, but there is no official connection. Structural issues create resistance to joint ventures, and it is not clear what WCC has to offer AIA members. The Ancient Historians group has the same problems with

women's issues. Is there anything we can do? We need to foreground related fields.

8. Fem V: Alison Futrell reports it still has not official connection with WCC. It depends on the local committee. Alison Keith is hopeful that FEM VI will be at Toronto with the title "Crossing Borders."

9. LAMBDA: Kristina and Kirk reported that they are offering a panel on "120 years of classical homosexuality" this year.

10. CSWMG: Kristina described trouble with institutional support and getting organized. Allison Glazebrook reported that similar data to that which CSWMG colleges is being collected by CAC (Canada), as well.

11. Grad reps: last year's cocktail networking event was a success. A process is needed to hand over the responsibilities to the next rep. Lindsay will remain for another year. Several new reps have already been suggested. Nominations should be made to Ruby and she will run a notice in the spring.

12. Adjunct faculty: We would like to remind the APA Committee on Professional Affairs of this issue. It is a systemic issue, and differs from one school to another. The MLA has a statement that APA could copy.

13. Awards: we have not solved the problem of distribution of papers submitted among the readers—it should be online somehow. Micaela and Chris Ann will work on a system. We discussed the possibility of adding a book prize, but decided it was too time-consuming.

14. Website: Chris Ann could not attend due to illness. She sent a report. Antonios will add Paypal the website and we will had a surcharge for those using it.

15. No one has indicated an interest in receiving a paper copy of *Cloelia* so far, so it will be posted on the website and a notice sent to the membership.

The totals for *Cloelia* expenses were:

1,046.92	postage
1,527.90	printing
400+	<u>last year overrun</u>
3,019.02	

Sally announced that the 2009 issue will be her last issue. She will focus on further essays on possible foci for the WCC.

16. APA activities: the various panels of interest to WCC were listed. A possible interest area for the 2011 panel was in women in archaeology. It was then suggested that we connect with the Ancient History section to do something like, "why is teaching Roman History inherently male-affirming." Susanna Braund will work on this idea.

17. Concern about the APA research categories on the membership form and Program Committee. Susanna will contact the Program and Research Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally MacEwen