



Hungarian Studies Association

HSA Newsletter, Winter 2016

HSA Minutes 2015

Friday, November 20th, Philadelphia Downtown Marriott

President Alice Freifeld opened the meeting.

Old Business: President Alice Freifeld

- Institutional membership and travel grants: Last year HSA created an institutional membership. Treasurer recalls that Florida, Berkeley, Indiana, and some others joined as institutional members. The intention was for revenue from institutional membership to be used as travel grants for student members to travel to the ASEES conference.

HSA book award: Award Committee Chair Arpad von Klimó

- The winner of the 2015 HSA book award is Krisztina Fehérváry's *Politics in Color and Concrete: Socialist Materialities and the Middle Class in Hungary*. Prof. Klimó expressed gratefulness to Indiana University Press for continual efforts to publish excellent works in Hungarian Studies. The runner-up is David Boromisza-Habashi's *Speaking Hatefully: Culture, Communication, and Political Action in Hungary*, published by Penn State University Press.
- Next year's Mark Pittaway Article Prize Committee will be Karl Brown, Katalin Fabaian, and Jeff Pennington.

Announcement from Jim Niessen, AHEA president:

- AHEA held its annual conference last summer in Cluj, hosted by Babes-Bolyai University. This year's conference will be at American University in Washington DC.
- Niessen, as an ex-officio member of Diaspora Council, explained diaspora programs relevant to Hungarian Studies. The Körösi Csoma program sends interns to support cultural life of Hungarian communities in the diaspora. The Mikes Kelemen program sends researchers to Hungarian communities to identify collections (published, manuscript, regalia) that are considered endangered and candidates for "repatriation." Perhaps this year Diaspora Tanács will have a working group meeting about the repatriation issue, since most of those involved are not scholars.

Visits from publishers:

- Jakob Horstmann of Ibidem Press, in conjunction with Columbia University Press, discussed publication opportunities with them in the Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society series. The press publishes exclusively in paperback and aims for affordable prices on published books. They are looking for manuscripts on Hungary, primarily in politics but also in other fields. Ibidem also has series in Changing Europe and Literature and Culture in Central and Eastern Europe.

- Krzysztof Jasiewicz of *East European Politics, Societies, and Cultures* (EEPS) journal discussed EEPS, its subscriptions available through SAGE, and indicated that they are seeking submissions, readers, reviews, etc. EEPS was founded in response to *Slavic Review* at times overlooking Central and Eastern European scholarship in favor of Russian Studies. The journal also awards the Michael Henry Heim Prize in Collegial Translation, for translations of articles done not by hired professional translators but by a colleague

Secretary's Report: Kristina Poznan

- In the last year, there is a new website in progress and universal email address so that it will be stable and pass easily from secretary to secretary.
- There has been an expansion of membership among young academics as well as people from allied fields whose work has taken on element of Hungarian Studies. The next goal is to reach out to some former members who are still doing relevant work to once again become involved with HSA and to approach more organizations about institutional membership.
- Secretary proposed that membership to be by calendar year (e.g. membership for 2016, membership for 2017) instead of 12 months from date a member joined. The motion was made by Karl Brown and seconded by Katalin Fabian, and passed.
- Secretary proposed that the HSA authorize expenditures for the yearly fee for our new website and for a LISTSERV-type software to manage the email list and potentially also membership. The motion was made by Arpad von Klimo and seconded by Karl Brown.
- The secretary asked members to confirm contact information after the meeting if they have moved in the last few years and called for volunteers to write for newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Glanz

Balance 10/22/2015	\$3,507.33
Expenses	- \$274.00
HSR expenses to N. Dreisziger	- \$330.00 (\$15@22 people not cleared)
Membership revenue in checks	+ \$275
Membership revenue by Paypal	+ \$1,174.87
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Balance 11/20/15	\$4,353.20

New Business: President Alice Freifeld

- ASEEEES East Europeanist reception: A joint reception at ASEEEES for area studies (non-Russian) was good for a few years but it competed with other events and fizzled. DC is probably not the best place to begin again, as it features the most off-site events and other activities. Perhaps in Chicago? Perhaps a lunch instead of an evening reception?
- Executive Board will explore the possibility of a reception at the Hungarian Embassy during the 2016 ASEEEES convention in Washington, DC.
- Executive Board will approach other affiliate organizations, most importantly Slovak Studies Association, about the opportunity for joint panels.

Additional announcements from the floor:

- Hungarian Studies Association of Canada: HSAC will hold its annual conference this summer in Calgary; abstracts are due December 11th. Steve Jobbitt offers a personal tour into the mountains for anyone interested. The sessions at the HSAC conference are not concurrent, so everyone largely attends every panel with a great feeling of community.
- *Hungarian Cultural Studies*: AHEA recently moved its E-Journal to the platform of University of Pittsburgh Press. The journal is particularly interested in publishing Hungarian scholars in English and young scholars in Hungarian Studies, as well as senior scholars, of course. See their website for submission details.
- Prof. Peter Pastor proposed that we renew contact with professional scholarly organizations in Hungary and ask them for news and new publications that could be of interest to our members, to be circulated in the newsletter.
- CEU Press: Andrea Petó shared that CEU Press is looking for manuscripts and will hold a book lounge on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 9:45 in the Book Exhibit.
- Facebook: Karl Brown remind members that the HSA Facebook page is available to use and post announcements, research queries, etc.

Meeting adjourned by President Alice Freifeld.