

Minutes of SEA Business Meeting Harbor A, Hyatt Regency Long Beach Friday 31 May 2002, 8-8:50 am

- Present: Zabelle Stodola, SEA VP, presiding; Chiara Cillerai; Ed Griffin; Lisa Logan; Hugh MacDougall; Ned Watts; Dan Williams
- Stodola explained the absences of the President, Phil Gould (who had to attend graduation at Brown Univ.) and the Executive Coordinator, Dennis Moore (who was in Italy as part of Florida State's study abroad program).
- Stodola passed on information from the Executive Coordinator that SEA has approximately 300 members (9 outside USA) and \$20,000 in its account. Disbursements for 2001-2002 to date include the cost of printing and mailing the SEA Newsletters, funding or partly funding three receptions (at the ASECS, Colonial Anglo/Ibero, and ALA Conferences), and giving the annual \$50 prize at ASECS for the best paper delivered there the previous year.
- SEA also provided three grants of \$300 to help three graduate students attend the Colonial Anglo/Ibero Conference in Tucson in early May 2002.
- Stodola handed out the Call for Panels for SEA's third biennial conference to be held in Providence, RI, 10-13 April 2003.
- Stodola mentioned that SEA had applied to the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History for a grant to help graduate students and high school teachers attend the conference in Providence.
- Stodola reminded the attendees at the business meeting of SEA's affiliations with ALA and ASECS and informed them of a new affiliation with the Society for the Study of American Women Writers (SSAWW). SSAWW will sponsor one session at the 2003 SEA conference in Providence, and SEA will sponsor a session at the 2003 SSAWW conference in Fort Worth. Stodola also mentioned the possibility of a formal affiliation with the Charles Brockden Brown Society.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 am.