

SEMSSC 2008 MINUTES

Chapter President, Tim Cooley, called the 2008 meeting of the Southern California Chapter of the Society for Ethnomusicology to order on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 3:41 pm. Cooley thanked faculty and staff of the UCSB Music Department for making the conference possible and recognized the contributions of the College of Letters and Science, The UCSB Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Music, the Multicultural Center, the Division of Humanities Fine Arts, and Dean David Marshall who assisted with funds and facilities for food and entertainment. He then thanked the current Program Committee. This year's Chair, Kevin Delgado, will serve on next year's committee. Kathy Meizel chaired this year's Local Arrangement Committee. She spoke appreciatively of the work of her entire committee, both staff and students. President Cooley then thanked the weather for keeping everyone off the beaches.

Communications were conveyed from those unable to attend. Tim Rice sent regrets stating that he had a conflicting family engagement. Jackie DjeDje reported that Steven Loza had family obligations in Mexico. Kevin Delgado stated that Tony Seeger was in Australia and unable to attend.

Necrology: Nothing to report this year.

Motion to approved the 2007 minutes – A point was raised that the minutes, as currently offered, omitted the election of Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Corin, who was re-elected in the odd year 2007-2009. 2007 Minutes will be amended and the minutes were approved with this amendment.

President's Report was presented. President Cooley reported that the Chapter is healthy and happy. He gave a brief synopsis of the 2007 SEMSSC annual meeting that was held at UCR on February 24-25. Cooley thanked Deborah Wong, René T.A. Lysloff, Jonathan Ritter, and the "small army of undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral students." In addition, he thanked Scott Marcus, David Borgo, Ric Alviso, and Tasaw Lu for their participation on the Program Committee. In 2007, the SEMSSC conference saw 55 registered participants and enjoyed 22 papers, one roundtable panel, a keynote presentation by Josh Kun of USC, and a performance by *erhu* virtuoso Ma Xiaohui. Jake Rekedal was elected by SEMSSC student members as their Student Representative to the SEMSSC Board.

Vice-President's Report – Vice President, Roger Savage, reported that the Ki Mantle Hood Student Paper Prize was awarded this year for the best paper presented by a student at the annual 2007 SEMSSC meeting. This year's committee consisted of Roger Savage (Chair), Heidi Feldman, and Scott Marcus. The committee awarded the 2007 Ki Mantle Hood prize to Lillie S. Gordon of UCSB for her paper, "We will be serving tea and *ta miyya*: the discursive formation of a music venue in Cairo." The committee also gave honorable mention to Barbara Taylor of UCSB for her paper "The Banjo: *In*, But Not *Of* America."

Treasurer's report presented. Discussion ensued regarding the current state of the budget and SEMSCC finances. In the future, the Secretary/Treasurer will include as much detail as possible regarding conference and other expenses in financial reports to the SEMSCC body. 2007 Financial Report approved.

Student Concerns Representative Jake Rekdal presented the Student Concerns Committee report. He encouraged all students and interested faculty to attend the Student Concerns Committee meeting to be held Saturday evening and to attend Grant Writing workshop scheduled for Sunday.

Election of Vice President - Jonathan Ritter of UCR; Ken Habib of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Candida Jaquez of Scripps College, and Katherine Hagedorn of Pomona College were the nominees. Each nominee presented a short statement that was followed by a discussion of whether candidates should stay in the room during the election. Candidates left the room. Elections were held by secret ballot and Jonathan Ritter was elected Vice President.

President Cooley called for old business while election ballots were being counted. There was no old business to conduct.

New business – President Cooley asked if anyone present was willing to volunteer to host the next SEMSCC conference at their institution. Candida Jaquez volunteered Scripps College to host the SEMSCC conference in 2010. Members of the Local Arrangements Committee will be selected during the upcoming year.

The next item of new business was a discussion of adding Hawai'i to our Chapter. Rene Lysloff moved, Kevin Delgado seconded – that:

“The Southern California Chapter of the Society for Ethnomusicology shall include members from the southern region of the state, extending south from San Luis Obispo, and shall include members from the state of Hawai'i.”

Discussion points included the following: Members wondered about South Pacific Chapter as our name. There was concern expressed regarding possible colonialist implications implicit in that particular selection. Others wondered if the SEM Board would need to be involved in a chapter name change. SEM President, Deborah Wong, stated that another Chapter was recently developed and this could indicate that the time is right for our chapter changes to take place. She stated that, the more care that is taken when crafting the language, the more likely the board is to approve a request to amend our By-Laws. The motion was called and passed unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the new name for a chapter that included Hawai'i. A decision was made to table that discussion and to engage Hawaii in these talks. Rene Lysloff suggested that the SEMSCC Board engage Hawai'ian members in the discussion and then come back to the membership at large with this matter next year.

then suggested that we discuss bringing more money in to the Chapter. Rene Lysloff suggested that we might consider reducing expenses. One method could include using local keynote speakers or asking scholars to donate their services for free. He supposed that we might undertake a one-time fund raising drive or a funds appeal. Deborah Wong reminded the body that since the conference will occur at UCLA in 2009, registration receipts should likely be higher due to the central event location. Scott Marcus asked if expenses could be more carefully itemized in future Treasurer's reports. Jackie Dje Dje suggested that we might consider revisiting a practice the Chapter employed in years past when an amount was established for Chapter membership dues and an additional amount was added for conference registration fees.

There was no additional new business.

President Cooley then passed the "gavel" to the new SEMSCC President, .

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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