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President Diane Goldstein called the spring meeting of the American Folklore Society Executive Board to order at 11:37 am on Friday, April 12, 2013, in the Ohio State University Folklore Archives, located at Room 218 in Ohio Stadium on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. Members present: Brent Björkman, Lisa Gabbert, Maria Carmen Gambliel, President Diane Goldstein, David Todd Lawrence, Sabina Magliocco, Solimar Otero, Leonard Norman Primiano, Pravina Shukla, Carolyn Ware, President-Elect Michael Ann Williams, and Juwen Zhang. Members absent: none. Executive Director Tim Lloyd, Associate Director Lorraine Cashman, and Administrative Associate Rob Vanscoyoc were also present.

As per the Executive Board directive of October 17, 1991, the proceedings of this meeting were recorded.

Diane Goldstein opened the meeting by welcoming new members and thanking the staff for their work throughout the year. After review of the draft minutes of the October 24, 2012, meeting, **David Todd Lawrence moved that the draft minutes of the October 24, 2012, meeting be approved as presented. Sabina Magliocco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Diane Goldstein then delivered the President's report, citing the Society's many accomplishments in 2012-13.

Tim Lloyd then delivered the executive director's report, beginning with a presentation of the report from the FY 2012 audit. After this presentation, **Sabina Magliocco moved to accept the report from the FY 2012 audit. Maria Carmen Gambliel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Tim Lloyd then reported on the recent performance of the Society's investments, on revenue from Society publications, and on new grants being sought. Lorraine Cashman then reported to the Board on plans for the 2013 annual meeting in Providence, and on the AFS web site.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:20 pm. The meeting reconvened at 1:20 pm.

Leonard Norman Primiano then delivered a report on the Nominating Committee's work, now just underway, to select candidates for the 2013 election. The Board discussed its needs for 2014 and beyond, and recommended that the committee give special consideration to nominating academic folklorists, folklorists from the western US, and senior folklorists.

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At the request of the Board, the recorder was turned off during a discussion of Society prizes for 2013.

Review committee member Sabina Magliocco then delivered the report of the Kenneth Goldstein Award for Lifetime Academic Leadership committee. After discussion, **Sabina Magliocco moved that the Board accept the committee's recommendation that Margaret Yocom receive this prize. Carolyn Ware seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (with one abstention, Diane Goldstein).**

Review committee member Pravina Shukla then delivered the report of the Lifetime Scholarly Achievement Award committee. After discussion, **Pravina Shukla moved that the Board accept the committee's recommendation that Lee Haring receive this prize. Diane Goldstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The Board concluded its deliberations for the day at 3:58 pm, to reconvene the next morning.

The Board returned to order at 10:15 am on Saturday, April 13, in the conference room of the Ohio State University Center for Folklore Studies in Dulles Hall on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. Members present: Brent Björkman, Lisa Gabbert, Maria Carmen Gambliel, President Diane Goldstein, David Todd Lawrence, Sabina Magliocco, Solimar Otero, Leonard Norman Primiano, Pravina Shukla, Carolyn Ware, President-Elect Michael Ann Williams, and Juwen Zhang. Members absent: none. Executive Director Tim Lloyd and Associate Director Lorraine Cashman were also present.

This day's proceedings were not recorded, because an OSU administrative error led to the locking of the previous day's meeting room where staff had left the equipment the night before, which also led to the last-minute moving of our meeting site.

The Board began its deliberations by conducting its annual review of the executive director's performance. During this discussion, the executive director and associate director left the room.

The Board continued with its agenda at 11:30 am, at which time the executive director and associate director returned to the room.

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Lisa Gabbert then led a Board review of the mentoring activities AFS undertook at the 2012 annual meeting, and a discussion of continued activities at the 2013 annual meeting.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:25 pm. The meeting reconvened at 1:45 pm.

Under the heading of Old Business, the Board considered a request from the Newfolk@AFS Section to change its name to the New Directions in Folklore Section. **David Todd Lawrence moved that the Board approve this name change. Leonard Norman Primiano seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Sabina Magliocco and Leonard Norman Primiano then led a Board discussion of the Society's memorial activities at the annual meeting, which include various forms of remembrance of members who have passed away. They will continue to monitor and propose appropriate improvements to these activities, assisted by Solimar Otero.

Under the heading of New Business, Michael Ann Williams informed the Board of the possibility that Western Kentucky University would begin offering a doctoral of professional studies degree in folklore practice, and asked for the Board's counsel about developing such a program.

Pravina Shukla then raised the issue that the Society's Benjamin A. Botkin Prize, awarded for lifetime achievement in public folklore, carries with it fewer and smaller tangible benefits than the Society's other lifetime achievement awards. After discussion, **David Todd Lawrence moved that the tangible benefits for the Botkin Prize be increased the level of those given for other Society lifetime prizes (\$500, a certificate, and lifetime membership in the Society). Solimar Otero seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Brent Björkman then noted for the Board's information the growing number of public folklore programs based at universities, suggesting that this sector would be important for the field's and Society's future.

Brent Björkman moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Todd Lawrence seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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October 16, 2013

Timothy Lloyd
Executive Director

Date

Approved by the American Folklore Society Executive Board:

October 16, 2013

Diane Goldstein
President

Date