

**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting  
Society for Ethnomusicology – Southern Plains Chapter  
April 18, 2009**

The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. and was led by inaugural President, Dr. Cathy Brigham

Brigham welcomed the group to the meeting, and invited all present to pass forward their most current email contact information. Recognitions of the following individuals were made:

- **Officers:** Amanda Minks, VP; Martha Fabrique, Treasurer, Stephen Duncan, Secretary, and Mark Lomanno, Student Representative
- **Local Arrangements Committee:** Eileen Hayes, Chair, Steven Friedson, Carl Vermilyea, Jeff Hodges, and Bradley Shope
- **On-Site IT Support:** Bradley Shope
- **Financial Donors:** Dr. James C. Scott, Dean of the College of Music; Eileen Hayes, Chair, Music History, Theory, and Ethnomusicology
- **Program Participants:** everyone who presented papers, asked questions, served as chairs, helped with registrations, wrangled food, or otherwise contributed to the conference
- **Pre-Conference Party:** Steven Friedson and his family
- **Program Committee:** Rose Lange was invited to acknowledge and introduce the Program Committee, including herself as chair, and also Melanie Morgan and Rolf Groesbeck

A general summary of the officers' activities over the past year (2008-2009) was presented. This includes:

**I. Outreach**

- i. **Website** - Katharine Cartwright was introduced and acknowledged as webmaster. Plans for migrating the site to [www.semsouthernplains.com](http://www.semsouthernplains.com) were announced.
- ii. **Newsletter** - Samantha Lundeen was introduced and acknowledged as newsletter editor
- iii. **Other Online Presence** - Listserve moved to Yahoo Groups; Facebook; LinkedIn; on SEM website

II. **Student Activities** – an update was to be presented by Mark Lomanno, but he was unable to attend the conference. Brigham summarized some activity, including his participation at the national meeting in fall of 2008, and his interest in creating an all-student online community.

III. **Financial Picture** –Martha Fabrique presented the financial standing of the organization. See Appendix.

IV. **Updated Operational Documents** – minor changes were made to the chapter bylaws and student paper prize. These documents will be posted to the website.

V. **Publicity** – The chapter will be featured in an upcoming article by Deborah Wong in the SEM Newsletter

VI. **Public Service and Outreach** – A Public Sector Committee was formed to conduct outreach to arts councils in Oklahoma and Texas. This outreach will consist of a letter of introduction to SEM-SP and an offering of services if we can be of assistance. Members currently include Amanda Minks, Cathy Brigham, and Brad Shope.

VII. **Update on Vida Chenoweth** – Due to unfortunate timing, Vida Chenoweth is arriving at UNT the day after the conference. Although the organization presented her with a personal invitation to the conference and also

offered to help subsidize the extended stay, her calendar did not permit attendance. She expressed interest in participating in future years.

Nominations for officers were accepted from the floor. The new slate of officers for 2009-2010 are:

- Student Representative – Andres Amado
- Secretary – Samantha Lundeed
- Treasurer – Carl Vermilyea
- Vice-President – Bradley Shope
- President – Amanda Minks

At this point, the meeting was handed over to the incoming President, Dr. Amanda Minks. Minks first duties included site selection for next year's conference as well as some presidential appointments. The following decisions were made:

- The 2010 SEM-SP Conference will be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.
- Zoe Sherinian will be the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee.
- Rolf Groesbeck will serve as Program Chair.
- Katchie Cartwright agreed to serve another year as webmaster for the chapter.

A call for new business items was made. Zoe Sherinian asked for the floor to make two announcements:

- An official welcome from the University of Oklahoma for next year's conference
- The April 18, 2009 meeting of the Southern Plains Chapter of the Society for Ethnomusicology commends the President and officers for their visionary leadership, development and organizational infrastructure, and outstanding representation of the chapter within the Society for Ethnomusicology.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

## **Appendix**

### **Treasurer's Report, Society for Ethnomusicology, Southern Plains Chapter**

April 2008 - April 11, 2009

Submitted by Martha Fabrique, Treasurer

Initial account was opened by Eileen Hayes in Denton, TX, Chase Bank, account number #742175961. Account checks/deposit slips were mailed to current treasurer who established online access via Chase Online Banking.

The balance on the account as of June 2008 was \$636.63. As of 11/28/08, a total of \$90.00 had been debited from the account for monthly service fees resulting in a balance of \$546.63. No other debits or deposits were noted at this time.

Because of the loss of funds due to monthly fees, the executive board discussed changing bank accounts to one that was free of charges and provided a check/debit card. Treasurer researched options for low fees or free checking, and availability of bank branches in both Texas and Oklahoma. No options were found that satisfied these requirements. Treasurer opened an

account at Frost National Bank, San Antonio (with locations in Texas) with free checking and free check/debit card.

The balance of \$546.63 was transferred to Frost Bank, account number #0503282 on February 27, 2009. Additional deposits from conference registration fees brought the total to \$698.35. Temporary checks/deposit slips and check/debit card are held by the treasurer at this time.

On April 11, 2009, an additional deposit of \$275.63 from conference registration fees brought the balance to \$973.98.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha H. Fabrique  
Treasurer, SEM-SP