

**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
Society for Ethnomusicology Southern Plains Chapter
Saturday, April 17, 2010
University of Oklahoma**

The meeting convened shortly after 4 p.m. by SEMSP President Amanda Minks.

Minks welcomed the group and recognized the following individuals for their support of the meeting and organization:

- **Outgoing Officers:** Brad Shope (VP), Carl Vermilyea (treasurer), Sam Lundeen (secretary), Andres Amado (student rep.)
- **Program Committee:** Rolf Groesbeck (chair), Paula Conlon, and Ryan McCormack
- **SEMSP Webmaster:** Katchie Cartwright
- **Sponsorship and Local Arrangements:** Dr. Steven Curtis (director), Stefan Ice (asst. director) of OU School of Music, Zoe Sherinian, Paula Conlon, Amanda Minks, Erica Martin, Celeste Puga-Martinez, Cecilia Pullen, Amanda Minks, Jennifer Davis, Jan Handwerk, Kyle Vanderburg (IT), Alan Hiserodt (stage manager).
- **Student hosts:** Tracey Gregg-Booth, Erica Martin, Steven Eiler, Ivan Ozbolt, Kylei Tumey

Zoe Sherinian introduced Vida Chenoweth, who was in attendance, and presented some of her many accomplishments which led our organization to name the student paper prize in her honor.

The 2009 Vida Chenoweth Student Paper Prize winner was announced:

Krista Kateneva, The University of Texas at Austin, for her paper, "Locating the 'Black' in Black Music: A Proposal for an Alternative Understanding."

Minks instructed student presenters this year to give their papers to Brad Shope after the meeting.

Minks announced the new website location, facilitated by webmaster Katchie Kartwright: semsouthernplains.org. Minks discussed the expansion of membership and participation in SEMSP in the past year, with a major increase of paper proposals to the conference (approximately 19) and subscriptions to our Yahoo Group list (currently 46).

Minks presided over the election of new officers. One person was nominated and elected to each office and each was given a folder with documents related to running the organization. The following new officers were elected:

Student representative: Kim Kattari (UT-Austin)

Secretary: Ian Dunham (UT Austin)

Treasurer: Jeff Hodges (UNT)

Vice President: Cathy Ragland

In keeping with the SEMSP by-laws, the VP from last year, Brad Shope, accepted the position of president, and Minks handed the meeting over to his direction.

Incoming President Brad Shope announced two invitations the organization has received from potential conference hosts next year (UT Austin, in collaboration with the regional AMS chapter, and University of Houston). The attendees decided to accept the invitation of UT Austin and to hold a joint conference with AMS next year.

Since there were no professors from UT Austin in attendance, Brad Shope announced that he would communicate with them via e-mail to appoint a local arrangements chair.

Zoe Sherinian volunteered to be the program chair and was appointed as such. Shope announced that we would continue to work with Katchie Cartwright as webmaster since she was willing to continue this position.

Brad Shope presented a proposal to change the chapter by-laws to allow some officers to run for office a second year. The current bylaws limit all officer terms to one year. After discussion among the attendees, it was decided that the secretary and treasurer should have the option of running for re-election the second year. The rationale for this decision was that, given our relatively small numbers, we should facilitate the possibility of two years of service if others are not willing or able to run for office.

Shope announced an invitation from the Pacific Review of Ethnomusicology to student paper prize winners who will receive special consideration for publication.

Shope called for items from the floor. Some attendees had questions about the evening event (the OU powwow) which Sherinian and Minks answered.

President Brad Shope adjourned the meeting at about 4:40 p.m.