

NEW HAMPSHIRE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 34TH CLASSICS DAY FOR TEACHERS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011, IN THE PENMEN ROOM AT SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY IN MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Registration and coffee lasted from 8:30 to 9:30 A.M.

At 9:30 A.M., President Diane Provost called the meeting to order. She began by greeting us warmly and praising the upcoming program.

Not wanting to keep us from the program any longer than necessary, the President proceeded to introduce our first speaker, Dr. Keith Doherty of the Department of Art History at Boston University; but since Dr. Doherty needed a little extra time to set things up for his lecture, the President asked if there were any matters that those presented wanted to discuss at that moment. Ms. Susan Zoller mentioned the upcoming *Certamen* at Spaulding High School on November 12.

At this point, Dr. Doherty had finished his preparations, and so President Provost proceeded to tell us about Dr. Doherty and his educational background. His lecture was entitled "Reflections of Ancient 'Zoogeography' in Roman Map-Making and Pictorial Art." Of course, this meant that Dr. Doherty had to tell us what zoogeography was. As he did so, he stressed that local animals were used as toponyms in ancient cartography. Then, to underscore and clarify the intimate relationship between geography and zoology, Dr. Doherty focused on two ancient works of art: (1) the Nile Mosaic of Palestrina and (2) the Great Hunt Ambulatory mosaic at Piazza Armerina in Sicily. Here he brought in for support a quote from Strabo's description of Libya and a quote from Aristotle's *Historia Animalium*.

Then Dr. Doherty focused on the Peutinger Table (the Tabula Peutingeriana), an 11th- or 12th-century copy of an ancient map, which, when flattened out, showed the known world from Spain to India in a compressed form. To supplement this Table, he brought in the Madaba Mosaic Map, a floor mosaic of the 6th century with a map of the Holy Land (a pilgrim's map), focusing on the places and animals portrayed in it.

After Dr. Doherty ended his lecture by commenting on the cartographic purposes of the various images that he had focused on, he opened up the floor to questions. A lively Q & A period followed from 10:47 to 11:02. Both the questions and Dr. Doherty's answers were very insightful and interesting.

A short 13-minute break followed.

At 11:17 A.M., President Provost introduced Dr. Anne Mahoney of the Classics Department at Tufts University. She mentioned with pride that Dr. Mahoney was the recipient of the

2011 Barlow-Beach Award of the Classical Association of New England. Her lecture was entitled “Vicipaedia: Latin Composition as Public Service.”

First, Dr. Mahoney gave us some background on Wikipedia, including reasons why Latin was an important language for Wikipedia. She stressed that the Latin entries were naturally not topical and contemporary, as were many articles in English. There are currently about 200 Latin editors — Classicists, Classics students, etc. The focal point of Dr. Mahoney’s lecture was a handout consisting of a sample page (Ennius), which she used in her classes (usually upper-level Latin) as a way to introduce students to Vicipaedia in conjunction with composition and editing. She took us through all aspects of the sample page and made clear how she incorporated it into her classes, especially via two articles written by her students.

Dr. Mahoney ended her lecture by stressing the usefulness of Vicipaedia as a tool that can teach students vocabulary and phraseology, as well as give them excerpts to read in a more approachable form of Latin.

A brief 9-minute Q & A period followed. Questions covered a wide range. For example, Immediate Past President Smith wanted to know if there were a Greek version. Unfortunately, the answer was “No.”

At 12:09 P.M., President Provost began the Business Meeting and lunch. First, she called upon Secretary Clairmont to read his Minutes. Since the Minutes had already been sent online to the Executive Committee, he asked the members present whether they wanted him to read his Minutes. The consensus was to forgo the reading of the Minutes, but a motion had to be made to this effect,

and so Treasurer Sapsin made the appropriate motion. It was seconded by the President, and so the Minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

The President then proceeded to the Treasurer's Report. As of September 23, 2011, the balance of our Saving Account was \$6,420.70. As of September 23, 2011, the balance of our Checking Account was \$5,340.52. The President asked for a motion to be made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Selma Naccach-Hoff made the motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. This motion was seconded by Ms. Linda Kordas, and the Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

After the Treasurer's Report, Secretary Clairmont came to the podium to report the results of this year's NHCA Exam-Contests. He thanked Professor John Rouman for helping him correct the exams.

Next, Dr. Paul Langford, our Representative to the Classical Association of New England, was called to the podium. Next year's annual CANE meeting will take place at St. Sebastian's School in Needham, Massachusetts, on March 16 and 17. Proposals for papers and other presentations are due December 1.

In the 2010 CANE Writing Contest, the top three papers in New Hampshire were as follows:

1st place: Sophy Daneault, Bedford High School, Bonnie Allen, teacher

2nd place: Jessica Henderson, Bedford High School, Bonnie Allen, teacher

3rd place: Amanda Purcell, Pinkerton Academy, Mathew Olkovikas, teacher.

The topic for this year's contest is "Gaming and Players in the Ancient World: Let the Games Begin!" The best three projects from each participating school must be sent to Representative Langford by December 15, 2011.

Dr. Langford reminded us that CANE had funds for study abroad, and so he strongly urged us to pursue such funding.

After Dr. Langford's report, the President proceeded to New Business.

First, she circulated a sheet of paper on which she asked people to put their e-mail addresses. Then, she called up Ms. Naccach-Hoff, who wanted to speak about next year's luncheon at SNHU. She mentioned this year's increased costs. This year the cost per person was \$45, \$35 of which each member paid and \$10 of which NHCA paid. A long discussion ensued, but the consensus was that this year's increase was tolerable, because we all preferred to stay at SNHU and have things continue as before. Treasurer Sapsin mentioned the Currier Gallery of Art, which has the equipment, catering, etc., but SNHU was the membership's first choice. Thus, no one objected when Ms. Naccach-Hoff suggested that we raise the fee to \$50.

After this, Immediate Past President Smith mentioned the next Professor John C. Rouman Classical Lecture. On November 26, Professor Katherine Coleman of Harvard University was going to speak on the letters of Pliny the Younger.

Next, President Provost called Professor John C. Rouman of the Nominating Committee to the podium to read the proposed slate of Offices and Members-at-large for 2011–2013:

President	Richard Clairmont
President-elect	Mathew Olkovikas
Immediate Past President	Diane Provost
Secretary	Kathryn Ford
Secretary Emeritus	Rev. Dr. Constantine Desrosiers
Treasurer	Flora Sapsin
Representative to CANE	Paul Langford
Members-at-large	David George
	Selma Naccach-Hoff
	Paul Properzio
	John Rouman
	R. Scott Smith

The slate was unanimously accepted by all those present.

Then the President asked for a motion to adjourn so that we could all partake of our Buffet Luncheon. Professor Rouman was happy to make such a motion, and his motion was unanimously accepted by all those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Clairmont
Secretary of NHCA