

Present: Andrew Bartlett (Board), Ian Dennis (Secretary-Treasurer), Eric Gans (Board), Roman Katsman (Member), Adam Katz (Member) Marina Ludwigs (Board), Stacey Meeker (Board), Matthew Schneider (Board), Richard van Oort (President), Magdalena Złocka-Dąbrowska (Member)

Meeting called to order via Zoom at 12:30 EDT and other time zones. Richard van Oort chaired.

### **1. President's Welcome**

Richard welcomed members to the meeting.

### **2. GASC 2021 – Roman Katsman & Board**

There was discussion of various features of the upcoming GASC Conference, and a number of decisions were made.

- The question of livestreaming the conference was debated. Various advantages and disadvantages were seen. In the end it was decided that the Plenary talks (E. Gans and M. Fisch) would be livestreamed, but the remainder of the sessions would not. Questions via the chat function would be possible for those livestreaming the plenary sessions, but the moderators would be instructed to give precedence to paid-up registrants, who could join the discussion orally through Zoom. All sessions will be recorded with a view to posting a selection of them on a platform like YouTube.
- Several members volunteered to be moderators, and these roles were determined (with a request to be made of Matthew Taylor to also take such a position).
- Roman described the solid technical support his institution will provide. Set-up and hosting duties will be performed by personnel from Bar-Ilan University, including the creation of the Zoom invitation. Moderators will not need to be concerned with the hosting of their sessions. Co-hosting will be possible.
- Some changes and additions to the program were decided upon. Both plenary talks will now take place on the first day (June 14), to allow for more dialogue between Professors Gans and Fisch. A GA Board meeting will be added to the end of the schedule, and this session will be advertised as open to all registrants. Professor Joakim Wrethed's paper (accepted last year) will be included in the program.
- Roman will investigate the possibility of opening the Zoom rooms before and after each day's scheduled events to allow for informal conversations between participants.

## 2. GASC 2021 – Continued

- Roman will finalize the program shortly and send it to Ian for further distribution as well as adding it to the conference website. All members of the Board are encouraged to send out the program and invitations to attend personally. Roman noted that his institution would also see to wide distribution.
- Finances were discussed. At this point the support of Roman's department is sufficient for the conference, but the Society stands ready to contribute if needed.
- The Meeting congratulated Roman on the strong program and smooth administration of the Conference. Roman thanked the Organizing Committee (Richard, Ian & Adam) for its work.

## 3. Treasurer's Report - Ian Dennis

Ian noted that the Society's finances remained healthy, with few expenditures this year. A balance between \$CDN 3500 and 4000 is likely by conference time. The new PayPal button on the GASC Society website seems to be working well, with only one reported glitch thus far.

## 4. Update on Listing *Anthropoetics* – Stacey Meeker

Stacey gave a brief update on the project of listing the journal in such locations as the Library of Congress catalogue. Some issues remain and are being addressed. She noted the requirement for some fail-safe means of preserving the journal's content. She noted the changes to editorial policy that may require more care need be taken with such matters as permissions as well as citations for images and other content. The goal is to be a properly academic journal and to avoid looking like an expanded, multi-person blog.

She suggested that another meeting more fully devoted to this topic may be useful in the future and will be able to update the Board further by the time of the conference in June.

## 5. Future Conferences

Future GASC meetings were briefly discussed, and it was noted that the plan remained that the 2022 meeting would be in Ottawa, and that of 2023 likely in Japan, perhaps Tokyo.

## 6. Adjournment

There being no further business, Richard thanked the members and adjourned the Meeting at 13:45 EST.