



CHARLESTON LIBRARY SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

January 25th, 2011

164 King Street, Charleston, South Carolina

1. Call to Order: Ben Moore, President of the Board of Trustees, welcomed members and guests to the Annual Meeting of the Charleston Library Society.
2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2010: The minutes of the 2010 annual meeting, previously made available to the membership, were accepted as presented.
3. President's Report: Ben Moore thanked the membership for allowing him the honor and privilege of serving as president these past three years. Mr. Moore related that the Library Society has grown in numbers and stature thanks to the diligence of the staff and trustees.
4. Executive Director's Report: Anne Cleveland reported on activities of the Society for the past year. The library had almost 7,000 visitors during regular hours, and with concerts and special events, there were over 9,000 visitors. The *Wide Angle Lunches* Series and *Unedited* concerts broadened the offerings of the Society and introduced more people to the library. Active membership is around 800, of which 289 are new members. Establishing the Association of Fellows resulted in over 112 members who contributed at the \$500.00 level and above. A newly created Conservation Program has elicited some amazing generosity. Marge Palmer is currently working on restoring the Michaux volumes, and an anonymous member funded the complete repair of the Charles Darwin's HMS Beagle journal. The Research and Writing Center was renovated, and a grant from the Post & Courier Foundation allowed for expanding the cataloging project.
5. Treasurer's Report: Mac Harley reported that the Society ended 2010 with a financial surplus, in part because of the extraordinary matching challenge gift of \$25,000 that members helped bring to a successful conclusion.
6. Committee Reports:
 - A. Bylaws Committee. Steve Gates reported for the Bylaws Committee and related that in April 2010, the Board of Trustees updated the bylaws to comport with modern governance and operating practices. The bylaws were posted on the Library Society's website for the membership to study before the annual meeting. The principal changes were as follows: to allow the Board flexibility to set the annual meeting and board meetings; to set the number of members of the Board of Trustees and to fill vacancies between annual meetings; to set the calling of a special meeting at 10% of the

membership; to establish the following standing committees: Executive, Nominating and Governance, Audit and Finance, Collections and Acquisitions, Program, and Facilities and Development; to permit the Executive Director to administer the membership and budgeting processes; and to allow amendments by the Board subject to majority approval of the members.

The membership voted approval to the changes to the bylaws as presented.

B. Election of new members to the Board of Trustees. The following were presented for ratification as new members of the Board of Trustees:

Mr. Lawrence Burtschy
Mr. Richard Lilly
Ms. Harriet McDougal
Ms. Cathie Smith

All four were unanimously elected by the membership.

C. Nominating Committee. H. Simmons Tate, Jr., reported that the Nominating Committee nominated the following persons for office:

President: Mr. Stephen F. Gates
Vice President: Ms. Connie Wyrick
Secretary: Dr. Richard D. Porcher, Jr.
Treasurer: Mr. Mac Harley

The membership unanimously elected the nominees to their respective offices.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

After the business meeting, Mt. Pleasant attorney and Civil War historian, Gordon C. Rhea, gave a lecture on the causes of the Civil War.

Respectively submitted,

Richard Dwight Porcher, Jr.
Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Annual Meeting, 24 January, 2012

