

**Minutes and Motions of the AILCFH Annual Meeting
held at the Capilla de la Virgen de los Remedios,
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on Saturday, November 11th, 2017,
during the 27th Annual Conference of the Association.**

The AILCFH Annual Meeting started at 9:00 am under the direction of its incoming President, Dr. Yamile Silva.

The following members of the Executive Committee attended:

Incoming President, Yamile Silva

Incoming Vice-President, Vilma Navarro-Daniels

Continuing Treasurer, Amarilis Hidalgo-De Jesús

Incoming Spokesperson for Associate Professors and Book Review Editor of *Letras femeninas*, Diane Marting

Salient Spokesperson for Assistant Professors and Graduate Students, Elena Lahr-Vivaz

Incoming Spokesperson for Assistant Professors and Graduate Students, Eva Paris-Huesca

Editor of *Letras femeninas*, Dianna Niebylski

Former President, Sarah Misimer

The new President, Dr. Yamile Silva, welcomed all attendees, thanked all members of the Executive Committee both salient and incoming, and officially started the meeting.

Items discussed:

1. Membership annual fees and *Letras femeninas* subscription. Dr. Dianna Niebylski reported about the new fees discussed by the Executive Committee during the annual meeting held on November 10th.

Zone	E-Version	Printed	Both
USA, Canada	\$45	\$65	\$70
Western Europe, Asia, Australia	\$45	\$70	\$75
Latin America	\$45	N/A	N/A
Students, Independent Scholars, Emeriti	\$25	\$40	\$45
Libraries	\$80	\$110	\$130

2. Annual Treasury Report. It was clarified that the position of Treasurer is held by the same AILCFH member for three years. Dr. Hidalgo-De Jesús was elected for this position on July 6th, 2015, to take over as the Treasurer of the Association in October 2015 (until October 2018). Dr. Hidalgo-De Jesús informed that the Executive Committee decided to register the new name of the AILCFH in PA in order to open a bank account, preferably online, as soon as possible. The Executive Committee also decided to use a new application and database to expedite the payment of the annual membership fees. Dr. Hidalgo-De Jesús reported on the annual expenses of the AILCFH. As November 1st, 2017, the AILCFH had the amount of \$23,481.48 in its bank

account. After all the general expenses of the organization are paid off, the balance will be \$11,136.38.

3. Revision of the new name and acronym for the Association. Due to a mistake made by the Executive Committee, the words “International Association” were omitted in the ballot sent out to vote for the new name of the Association and journal. This is why the Executive Committee recommends having a new vote in a few weeks and proposes the following name: *Asociación de Estudios de Género y Sexualidades / Association of Gender and Sexuality Studies (AGSS)*. In the same manner, the Executive Committee recommends the following name for the Association journal: *Revista de Estudios de Género y Sexualidades / Journal of Gender and Sexuality Studies*. The description of both the Association and its journal will clarify the emphasis in literature, culture, and the different languages accepted for submissions to the journal and for presentations at the Annual Congress of the Association. Acceptable languages will remain Spanish, English, and Portuguese. The changes proposed and recommended by the Executive Committee are intended to move toward a more inclusive organization and publication. Once the ballot is sent, members will have two weeks to vote. We urgently need a new name to open a new bank account and to buy an online domain too.

4. The AILCFH Web Page. Since we need a very good web-based page and we already voted and approved the motion of creating the position of Web Master, the Executive Committee will call for nominations/self-nominations for this position in the next weeks. Once the call is submitted it will remain open for two weeks.

5. Creation of the position of Spokesperson for Graduate Students. The Executive Committee recommends creating the position of Spokesperson for Graduate Students and, by so doing, splitting the current position of Spokesperson for Assistant Professors and Graduate Students. This proposal is in tune with one of the goals of the Association, namely to mentor and nourish new generations of scholars and academics.

MOTION 1: The AILCFH will create the position of Spokesperson for Graduate Students in the Executive Committee. This is a new 2-year term position.

The ballot will be sent in a few weeks and the vote will remain open for two weeks.

6. Announcement of the venues for the 2018 and 2019 AILCFH Annual Congresses. The Executive Committee informed the assembly that the Annual Congress 2018 will take place at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Dr. Dianna Niebylski will chair the organizing committee. The Annual Congress 2019 will take place at the Universitat de València under the direction of Dr. Elia Saneleuterio Temporal.

The AILCFH Annual Meeting ended at 9:45 am.