

Minutes and Motions of the AILCFH Annual Meeting held in Houston, Texas, on November 11th, 2016, during the 26th Annual Conference.

The AILCFH Annual Meeting started at 12:17 pm under the direction of its President, María Elena Soliño.

The following members of the Executive Committee attended:

President, María Elena Soliño

Vice-President, Yamile Silva

Secretary, Vilma Navarro-Daniels

Treasurer, Amarilis Hidalgo-De Jesús

Spokesperson for Full Professors, Zoé Jiménez Carretjer

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

Editor of *Letras femeninas*, Dianna Niebylski

The President, María Elena Soliño, welcomed all attendees and officially started the meeting.

Items discussed:

1. Next AILCFH Conference host place. Although there was a proposal to hold the conference in Amsterdam, this is not going to happen. Therefore, we urgently need a place to host the 2017 conference. Members were invited to submit nominations for the place. The AILCFH will give \$15,000 to the host institution. The AILCFH will send an e-mail to all members in order to inform about this situation and request proposals for the host place for the 2017 conference. Proposals received will be shared with all members in order to exchange opinions and make a decision.

2. Due to the fact that the AILCFH web page is very difficult to use, very slow, and not updated, the Executive Committee has seen the need of having someone with the expertise in web page design and maintenance to create a new web page.

MOTION 1: The AILCFH will create the position of Web Master in the Executive Committee. This is a new 2-year term position. The first elected Web Master will create the web page during the first year in the position and will maintain the web page during the second year.

3. The Executive Committee has decided that there will be an annual report on the budget of the AILCFH. Also the Executive Committee will submit a report on what each member in the Executive Committee has done during the year. Reports are due and will be sent to members in mid January of each year.

4. It was proposed to have a new type of Newsletter --besides our current Newsletter sent twice per month-- in order to bi-annually inform about the AILCFH members achievements.

MOTION 2: The Executive Committee proposes that the AILCFH develops a new model of Newsletter that highlights the scholarly, creative, and professional achievements of its members.

5. It was proposed to change the name of both the AILCFH and its journal, *Letras femeninas*. It is very clear that the name of the AILCFH does not match what we do, and that the name of our journal does not reflect its content. During the meeting three names were proposed, namely:

- a) International Association of Gender Studies
- b) Gender and Women in Hispanic World
- c) Women and Gender Studies in Hispanic Literature and Culture

One of the members attending the meeting reminded us that the Article 9.1. of the AILCFH bylaws was updated but not in the description of *Letras femeninas*. Therefore, we need to update this information on our journal web page too.

MOTION 3: The Executive Committee proposes to modify the name of both the Association and the journal in order to accurately reflect and/or match the purpose of the Association and the content of the journal.

When/If MOTION 3 is approved, we will propose the following motion:

MOTION 3.1: In the next two weeks the Executive Committee will contact all members in order to inform about the three names suggested for the AILCFH during the annual meeting and ask for more suggestions. Then, we will vote. We will have two rounds of voting in order to give all members the chance to vote.

MOTION 4: It was proposed that Article 9.1 of the AILCFH bylaws is modified to more accurately reflect the mission of the AILCFH.

6. Description of the Victoria Urbano Award-Monography. The award is intended to be a subsidy for a “first-book publication.” This clarification will be added to the award description.

7. Description of the Victoria Urbano award-Essay. Submissions cannot be articles that have been already published. Submissions cannot be papers presented at the AILCFH Annual Conference as such. Essays must comply with the length standards required by a journal like *Letras femeninas*.

8. Since the AILCFH budget allows us to do so, it was proposed to reduce the membership annual fee for Graduate Students to \$20.

MOTION 5: The Executive Committee proposes a change in the Annual Membership Fee for Graduate Students to be lowered from \$30 to \$20 with the online access-only to *Letras femeninas*.

The AILCFH ended at 1:12 pm.