1. Introduction of Steering Committee

The 2017-19 ASHR Officers:
- President: Scott Stroud (term expires Nov. 2019)
- VP/President Elect: Michele Kennerly (term expires Nov. 2019)
- Membership: Allison Prasch (term expires Nov. 2019)
- Treasurer: Bjørn Stillion-Southard (term expires Nov. 2019)
- Webmaster: Paul Stob (term expires Nov. 2018)
- Editor: Art Walzer/Ned O’Gorman (incoming 2018)
- Past President: Kassie Lamp (term expires Nov. 2019)

The at-large members of the Steering Committee:
- Alessandra Von Burg (term expires Nov. 2019)
- Rob Danisch (term expires Nov. 2019)
- Ira Allen (term expires Nov. 2019)
- Brandon Inabinet (term expires Nov. 2019)
- Christa Olson (term expires Nov. 2019)
- Jordan Loveridge (term expires Nov. 2019)
- Stob (2016-2018)
- Prasch (2017-2019)
- Stillion-Southard (2017-2019)

The Advisory Board:
- Susan Jarratt (term expires Nov. 2019)
- Dave Tell (term expires Nov. 2018)

ASHR President Scott Stroud called the meeting to order at 11:04pm with greetings and introductions of the Steering Committee members.

“You pay for the whole seat, but you’ll only need the edge.” – President Stroud


3. Election of officers – One position needs filling: Web Coordinator. Paul Stob is running for the Steering Committee, from whence he can be elected to be the Web Coordinator. Stroud called a vote. Stob retained his position in the Steering Committee.

4. Dissertation Award – Jordan Loveridge announced Karrieann Soto Vega (University of Kentucky) as the winner of the 2018 Top Dissertation Award for her dissertation “Lolita Lebrón’s Rhetorics of Defiance to U.S. Empire.” (Not in attendance.) Had 20 submissions this year. Kassie (chair), Christa, and Jordan read the submissions. (Thanks, y’all!)
5. **Top Student Paper Award** – Jordan Loveridge announced Krista L. Klocke (Iowa State University) as the winner of the Outstanding Student Paper Award for her paper “Sacred Kairos and Secular Chronos: Angelina Grimké’s Negotiation of the Temporal and the Eternal in the ‘Pennsylvania Hall Address’.” Jordan (chair), Brandon, and Alessandra read the submissions. (Thanks, y’all!)

6. **Advances report** – Art Walzer (read by Brittany Knutson): 2015-2019; 2016-2019: 30% acceptance rate; went from 2 to 3 issues/year (regular special issue one year, one symposium issue the other year); 2016 was Quintilian Anniversary (Jerry Murphy); Kassie Lamp, Mark Longaker, Scott Stroud the other guest editors; if have ideas about State of the Scholarship, pitch them; book forums (Kastley; O’Gorman; Walzer-Serrano); submissions go through the T&F portal
   ++ the acceptance rate has gotten smaller every year
   ++ Katie Bruner from Illinois-Urbana-Champaign will be Editor O’Gorman’s assistant

7. **Website report** – Paul Stob: Please reach out to him when there are announcements; due to growth in membership in ASHR, we are transitioning the membership quadrant of the website to automate some features for the welfare of the Membership Coordinator

8. **Treasurer’s report** – Bjorn Stillion-Southard delivered the report; T&F has been overcharging us and owes us $4000; better accountability now that we’re building systems and have more institutional continuity [add report]

9. **Constitutional Revisions** – Scott Stroud: Stroud walked through the changes, focusing on gives us the flex to change the title of ASHR’s journal name; simplify our purpose paragraph; election via digital modes since some members do not attend NCA ever. Ira Allen suggested the Steering Committee be 11 members. Jordan Loveridge pointed out that his office (Social Media Coordinator) needs to be explained on the document. The attachment reflects these changes. **NEXT YEAR, there’ll be 5 open positions!** Changes passed with a tidy motion. [add Constitution with amendments]

10. **Membership report** (Allison Prasch): Since last year, grown from 124 to 164 members (43% increase); ran a reception (apparently, ASHR had one in 1998, so this was the 20th anniversary, and we will continue the practice); 992 Twitter followers; 599 tweets/retweets; Facebook has 1500 likes; members interviews done by Loveridge and up on our website are very well read; Stob and Prasch are rolling out a new membership system (automation, analytics) [add report]

11. **ASHR Symposium 2018 Report** - Scott Stroud: overview of 2018 ASHR Symposium, the motivation, the execution; 65 submissions with 16 accepted; $4550 raised through advertising and we came in just under, thereby staying in the black

12. **ASHR Conference at UT Austin Update** –Scott Stroud: First ASHR standalone conference; theme: The Contemporary Relevance of the History of Rhetoric; keynotes from Cheryl Glenn and David Zarefsky; has raised over $8000 without advertising, going to UT depts. and big-name profs with a purse and asking them to sponsor; 113 submissions with 39 accepted; the pluses and minuses of hosting an event at one’s home university

13. **Other business** – Ira Allen (as 2019 NCA planner for ASHR): “Survival and Survivability” is the NCA theme for next year, and it should be a particularly rich topic for ASHR;
Stroud says that RSA gives ASHR two slots (Ira suggested slotting those who don’t make it into the symposium due to fit rather than to lack of quality); Bjørn said that RSA used to be free for us and now sets us back close to $2000 (A/V, coffee, tea); RSA did give us the room for free and we got the RSA rate for the A/V, though; ISHR symposium also overlaps exactly with the RSA Symposium.

Steering Committee Meeting will take place following the Business Meeting.

Recorded by Michele Kennerly

Note to VP for ASHR Biz Meeting 2019: give a place to Jordan in the agenda so he can give a Social Media Coordinator report.