



Minutes from the CSA Business Meeting
April 1, 2022
RSA Convention, Dublin

EC members present in person: Mercedes Alcalá-Galán, Cory Reed, Ana Laguna

President Mercedes Alcalá-Galán called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

1. President's Report:

As incoming President, Mercedes thanked the outgoing President, Carolyn Nadeau, for her productive tenure. Mercedes also announced the results of the 2021 general election, which declared Cory Reed Vice President and Ana Laguna Communications Director.

Mercedes announced that the application for 503c tax-exempt status has been approved, making the CSA a non-profit organization, pending the ratification of an amendment to the Constitution. As President, she called for a vote on the floor, which was seconded by Cory and approved unanimously by all members in attendance.

The reports from David Boruchoff and Bruce Burningham, sent previously by email, were referenced and confirmed.

The winner of the Murillo Award for best Cervantine article was announced. Rafael Castillo Bejarano was in attendance and received the Certificate.

2. Vice President's Report (Cory Reed):

Cory reported on past and upcoming conference sessions sponsored by the CSA.

A panel on "Problematizing Race in Cervantes's Works" was offered at the MLA meeting in Washington, DC in January 2022. In addition to the business meeting, the CSA sponsored three panels at the RSA titled "All Eyes on Cervantes: Visual Revelations in the Cervantine Opus," "It's a Thing! Material Culture in Cervantes' Works," and "Understanding Others and Oneself in Cervantes' Oeuvre." Carolyn Nadeau had been chosen as the keynote speaker for the Annual Lecture that followed this business meeting.

Cory also reported on the return of CSA-sponsored symposiums at the Newberry Library in Chicago (April 29-30, 2022) and at the University of Florida, Jacksonville (April 14-15, 2022). There is already an MLA session being organized on “Cervantes and Disability” for 2023.

With regard to the upcoming CSA-AC joint conference, “Global Cervantes,” at Princeton, it has been scheduled as an in-person meeting in June. The tentative dates are June 5-9, 2023.

3. Annual Lecture of the Cervantes Society of America presented by Carolyn Nadeau (Illinois Wesleyan University).

Mercedes introduced Carolyn providing a meaningful summary of her contributions to Cervantes’ Studies. Carolyn’s presentation was titled “Portrayals of Domesticity in Cervantes' *Novelas ejemplares*.”

A vibrant discussion followed.

Mercedes adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.