



Minutes from the CSA Business Meeting
March 11, 2023
RSA Convention, San Juan (Puerto Rico)

Executive Committee members present in person: Mercedes Alcalá-Galán, David Boruchoff, Bruce Burningham, Stephen Hessel, Catherine Infante, Javier Irigoyen-García, Mary Quinn, Ana Laguna

President Mercedes Alcalá-Galán called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

1. President's Report:

Mercedes announced the good health of the Society, given the multiple Cervantine Symposia celebrated this year in Texas, Chicago, Florida, and New York, and the imminent, historic joint meeting of the CSA and the Asociación de Cervantistas that will take place at Princeton University this June. She also indicated a major change in the *Cervantes Journal* (formerly *Cervantes Bulletin*), which, from 2024 on, will be published in collaboration with the University of Toronto Press.

As President, she pointed out the creation of a new logo, and a website redesign that is currently underway.

2. Treasurer's Report:

David Boruchoff reinforced the need to pay CSA fees and suggested gifting a membership to a graduate student or junior colleague.

3. *Cervantes Journal* Editor Report:

Bruce Burningham noted the smooth, editorial transition taking place at the Journal. The entire pdf archive (of all the articles published in the history of *Cervantes*) has already been transferred to U of Toronto Press. Bruce also encouraged attendees to submit their work to the Journal.

The winners of the Murillo Award for best Cervantine articles were announced:

- 2020: **Howard Mancing**—who unfortunately could be in attendance—for the article “Cervantes Lives Again.”
- 2021: **Ana Laguna** for her article “Sancho Panza and the *Islas inútiles*.” Ana was in attendance and received the Certificate.

4. Vice President’s Report (Cory Reed):

Cory had sent a list of sponsored panels and symposia since the 2022 business meeting in Dublin, which included:

Texas Cervantes Symposium (November 4, 2022)

Participants: Mercedes Alcalá Galán, Cory Reed, Rachel Schmidt, Steven Hutchinson, Javier Irigoyen-García, Ana Laguna, Paul Michael Johnson, Bruce Burningham, Bradley Nelson, David Castillo, Sonia Velázquez, Mary Quinn.

Cervantes Symposium of the Northeast (December 9, 2022)

Participants: Nicholas R. Jones, Catherine Infante, Christina Lee, Steve Hutchinson, Carolyn Nadeau, Rosa Helena Chinchilla, José Luis Patino Romero, Bradley Nelson, David A. Boruchoff, Mercedes Alcalá Galán, Eduardo Olid Guerrero, Víctor Sierra Matute, David Castillo, Ana Laguna, Rogelio Miñana. The keynote speaker was Luis García Montero.

MLA 2023

CSA Panel: “Cervantes, the Body, and Disability”

Participants: Stacey Aronson, Alani Hicks-Bartlett, Pablo García Pinar, Paul Michael Johnson.

RSA 2023

The CSA organized three panels in addition to the Business Meeting and Annual Lecture.

Panel 1: “Cervantine Topoi and Their Contexts:

Participants: Mercedes Alcalá Galán, Rachel Schmidt, Eduardo Olid Guerrero

Panel 2: “Making, Unmaking, and Remaking Cervantes’s Fictions”

Participants: Paul Michael Johnson, Brian Brewer, David Boruchoff

Panel 3: “Staging Union and Disunion in Cervantes’s *La gran sultana*”

Participants: Catherine Infante, Ana Laguna, Timothy McCallister

Upcoming:

Cervantes Global/Global Cervantes: Cervantes Society of America/Asociación de Cervantistas Joint Conference (June 7-9, 2023)

Anne Cruz (University of Miami) and Gonzalo Díaz Migoyo (Northwestern University) will deliver the plenary addresses

There are two open calls for papers:

- 1) Panel sponsored by the CSA at the **MLA** (Philadelphia, Jan. 4-7, 2024), **“Celebrating Joy and Sorrow in the Works of Cervantes”** (Deadline, March 30th)
- 2) Panel sponsored by the CSA at **SAMLA** (Atlanta, Nov. 9-11, 2023), **“The Future of Cervantes Studies in the Humanities”** (Deadline, June 15th)

5. Communications Director:

Ana Laguna explained the website redesign process and expected date of completion for phase 1 (June 2023).

6. Volunteers for the Nominating Committee

As mandated by the CSA bylaws, Mercedes asked for two volunteers to compile a list of candidates for next year’s EC elections. Carmela Mattza, David Castillo y Lizzie Neary stepped forward.

7. Annual Lecture of the Cervantes Society of America presented by Luis Avilés (University of California, Irvine).

Mercedes introduced Luis’ long list of meaningful contributions to Cervantine Studies. His presentation was titled “A Sweet Shared Perception: Reflections on Friendship in Cervantes.”

A vibrant discussion followed.

Mercedes adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.