

Minutes of the 2006 Henry James Society Executive Board Annual Meeting
December 29, 2006
Philadelphia, PA

- 1) **President's Report, Peter Walker:** Peter reported that all went well at ALA sessions and the one MLA session held on 12/29/06. He looked forward to the final session the next day. There was discussion of ways to keep the Society's website updated. Greg Zacharias said that he would work to keep it more up to date. Peter and Tamara agreed to work together to establish a more formal calendar of the president's duties.
- 2) **Vice President's Report, Tamara Follini:** Tamara thanked Peter Walker for helping her with the postings of HJS sessions to be held at the 2007 ALA and MLA meetings. She added that all was going well in terms of planning for those sessions.
- 3) **HJR Report, Susan Griffin:** Susan announced that Eric Haralson would take over at book review editor. The group discussed strategies for assigning reviews and for reviewing more comprehensively. Susan announced and overviewed the next special issue of the HJR (fall 2007), which will be devoted to "Jamesian Forms." Susan also reported on submissions for the Edel Prize, international submissions, and the status of subscriptions.
- 3) **Newport Conference, Julie Rivkin:** Julie was not able to be present, but the following points raised in her report from December were discussed. 1) Peter reminded the group that we need to complete our arrangements with Salve Regina College. Tamara agreed to remind Julie to do that. 2) The group endorsed the proposal to ask Bill Brown to give one of the keynotes. 3) Discussion of the proposal to invite a fiction writer or poet to give one of the keynotes concluded with the following list, in order (to be discussed with Julie): Richard Howard, Michael Cunningham, Edmund White, Mary Gordon. The group suggested that Michiel Heyns should be sent an invitation to attend. The group endorsed Julie's suggestion for the conference name, "Jamesian Strands."
- 4) **Exec. Director's Report, Greg Zacharias:** Greg reported on the election and the results of the election with our new procedure. He also reported on the HJS finances from 2006, which overall kept the Society at approximately the same place as in 2005. The group decided to cap the cost of any gift for outgoing presidents at \$500.
- 5) **Old Business—none**
- 6) **New Business—Greg Zacharias thanked Peter Walker for his service to the HJS, which is deeply appreciated. The group concurred.**