

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the Dreiser Society

American Literature Association
San Francisco, May 26, 2006

1. The meeting began with the following status report from Donna Packer-Kinlaw, Secretary/ Treasurer:
 - a. Vol. 36 (*Dreiser Studies*) paid in full members: 53
 - b. Vol. 1 (*Studies in American Naturalism*) paid in full members: 33
 - c. Bank account balance as of May 24, 2006: \$2441
2. PayPal was discussed as an option for paying dues. Donna will be checking into this and reporting back to Steve.
3. Roark Mulligan was elected unanimously to be the new VP.
4. Keith Newlin was succeeded by VP Steve Brennan as president for the next two years.
5. It was decided to have one panel in next September's ALA Symposium on American Fiction.
6. Keith reported on plans for *Studies in American Naturalism*:
 - a. A new website is up (<http://www.uncw.edu/san/>)
 - b. The Dean at UNCW has agreed to continue partial funding for the journal.
 - c. The journal is being marketed to various author societies.
 - d. *SAN* will not publish conference notes, announcements, or bibliographic information. Instead, that information will be published in a newsletter sponsored by the Frank Norris Society, with contributions from the Crane, Dreiser, London, and Garland societies as well.
7. The Dreiser Essay Prize was put on hiatus until its necessity and appropriateness for *SAN* is determined.
8. It was decided to offer two Dreiser sessions at the 2007 ALA conference. The topics will be left open in hopes of attracting more submissions.