

Minutes for ALA Dreiser Society Business Meeting
Boston, Friday, May 24, 2013, 12:30 pm

1. Meeting called to order by Gary Totten (President). Others in attendance: Jude Davies (Vice President), Roark Mulligan (Treasurer/Secretary), Eric Carl Link (Director at Large), Renate von Bardeleben (International Advisory Board), and Yoshinobu Hakutani, (International Advisory Board).
2. Panel Topics for ALA 2014
Many topics were suggested: Naturalism and Dreiser; Dreiser and Race Issues, Dreiser and African-American Authors, An Open Session, A Centennial Session on The Titan. All agreed that we should have an open session each year and that the other session should have a focus. Jude Davies as Vice President will write the call for papers and organizer the sessions.
3. Gary Totten mentioned that he had organized an MLA panel on Dreiser and financial fiction. If this panel is accepted, Jude Davies and Roark Mulligan will participate too.
4. Roark Mulligan provided a Treasurer's report. After paying \$975 for Volume 7 of SAN, \$250 for the Elias essay prize, and \$89.80 for our web site and domain name, the society has a balance of 2551.91. The society has 64 members who paid dues during the 2012-2013 year—the paying membership is steady. There are a total of 88 members on our listserv.
5. The meeting ended with a brief discussion of the society elections that will occur next year at the ALA meeting in Washington D. C.