

Minutes of International Theodore Dreiser Society Annual General Meeting 25 May 2018

Present: Jude Davies, Steven Frye, Cara Kilgallen, Eric Link, Roark Mulligan (Secretary and Treasurer), Keith Newlin, Lyric Seidenstricker

1. Election of Vice-President for 2018-20.

Cara Kilgallen was nominated by Keith Newlin, seconded by Jude Davies, and elected by acclamation.

2. Treasurer's Report.

Roark Mulligan reported that the Society funds currently amount to \$3041:64. The Society has contributed \$500 to the memorial sculpture 'Courage, Language, and Thought' to be erected in Terre Haute, IN., Dreiser's birthplace. The sculpture's title was considered particularly appropriate and powerful.

3. Studies in American Naturalism report.

Keith Newlin reported that a large number of submissions were being received on Jack London, with comparatively fewer on Frank Norris and Theodore Dreiser; that *S.A.N.* maintained a higher international profile, especially in Europe, than other comparable journals; that the most frequent means of accessing articles published in *S.A.N.* was via *JStor*, which enabled the use of individual essays to be tracked; and that he was open to ideas for Special Themed Issues.

4. Panels for ALA 2019.

It was decided to hold two open-themed panels.

5. Future Plans. Offers of help and expertise are sought to improve/develop the website.